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Cohen Versus Rheault — Mayor
18 Candidates Seek 11 Town Council Seats
10 Candidates Seek Six School Committee Seats

(See Ballot On Page 22)

A Look At A Few Of Agawam's "Haunts"...



IN LEFT PHOTO: A scarecrow, mums, and pumpkins on display at Stepanik's farm stand on Shoemaker Lane. IN CENTER PHOTO: Three month-old Miranda Harpin, daughter of Karen and Danny Harpin of Feeding Hills, is dressed up for the season. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Walking by this Halloween display at 64 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, could cost you an arm and a leg.

“Halloween Safety Tips” From The Agawam Police Department

Halloween is a special time for children and, according to the Agawam Police Department, a time for motorists to use extra caution. Visibility is a problem for both motorists and children. It's difficult for motorists to see children in the dark and some children's trick-or-treating costumes contribute to a lack of visibility.

In their excitement, children may enter the street without looking or may dart out from between parked cars. Drivers should reduce their speed and use extra caution when making right turns on red. As soon as it is dusk, motorists should use their headlights.

Parents should examine their child's costume before they go trick-or-treating. The mask should be checked to make sure it does not obstruct the child's visibility. (If necessary, enlarge the eyeholes.) If the mask is still a problem, have the child lift the mask up when walking or crossing the street.

Parents should check the child's costume to make sure it's easy to walk in and does not hinder the child's movement. The child's costume should be a light-colored material for better visibility. To increase you child's visibility to motorists, reflective tape can be added to the costume or consider clipping on a few glow sticks.

While out trick-or-treating, parents should accompany young children. If the youths are older, they should go out while it is still light out. Plan the route ahead of time with your child and have them stay in areas where the people are known to you. If they are out after dark, children should stay on well-lit streets. Flashlights should be used by the parents or children at night.

Parents should inspect their child's candy and treats before allowing their child to eat them. If there are any signs of unsealed, ripped, or tampered wrappers, the candy should be thrown out.

So, to prevent any tragedies this Halloween, be sure to heed the following tips:

1. Try to trick-or-treat while it is still light out.
 2. Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen by drivers. Make sure your costume fits. It is easy to trip on costumes that are too long. Also, make sure your costume lets you hear and see perfectly. You need to be able to watch and listen for cars.
 3. If you go out at night, select a costume that is light in color.
 4. Carry a flashlight so you can see and you can easily be seen.
 5. Put “glow-in-the-dark” patches or strips on your costume so drivers can see you.
 6. A face mask will keep you from seeing well. Always take off your mask before crossing the street. Why not wear makeup instead?
 7. Make props such as magic wands and swords out of cardboard, rather than wood or metal.
 8. Have a parent or older brother or sister go trick-or-treating with you.
 9. If someone older can't go with you, trick-or-treat with friends. Never travel alone.
 10. Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well-lit.
 11. Visit only people you know.
 12. Tell your family on which streets you'll be trick-or-treating.
 13. Cross streets only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
 14. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
 15. Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
 16. Don't eat your treats until you go home and show them to your parents or a trusted adult.
 17. If you are unsure whether a treat is safe to eat, don't eat it. Throw it away.
- The Agawam Police Department would like everyone to have a safe and fun Halloween.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you...

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Spooky Can Be Fun...



THERESA & JOE LOVOTTI, who reside at 64 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, stand next to just one of their Halloween decorations. This delightfully ghoulish creation is the work of Stan “The Mannequin Man” Wunch. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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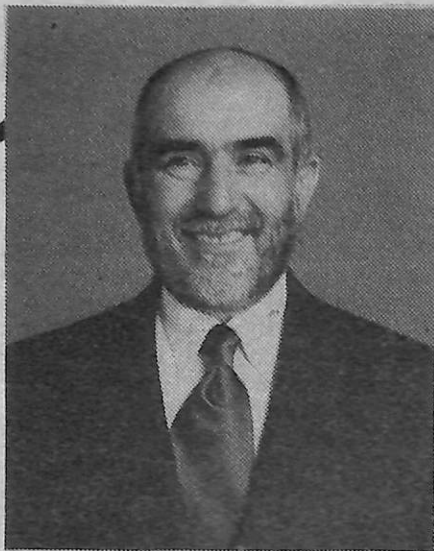
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Married to Linda A. Morassi, Granger Integrated Kindergarten Teacher and Attorney. One daughter, Christina, Photographer, NYC.

Town Council To Again Vote On Restaurant Smoking Ban In Agawam

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The Agawam Town Council is expected to cast a final vote on the ordinance banning smoking in Agawam restaurants on Wednesday, November 3rd. The ordinance must be read three times, and the first "reading" was on October 18th at the Agawam Middle School auditorium. The second and third readings could take place at the same meeting on November 3rd if a motion is made to do so and if no single council member objects.

The smoking ban does not apply to bars. Dining room or family restaurant type establishments will have to become (or remain) non-smoking. And if a place has both dining room and bar, then smoking could be allowed at the bar (if a solid barrier, such as a wall, separates the two areas).

Unless some amendment is made to the ordinance, there could be unpleasant loose ends for some of the restaurant owners. For example, if an establishment does have to build a wall to separate dining area from smoking section, no provisions have been made to give owners time to do cost comparisons, hire contractors, take out necessary permits, or do other tasks related to interior construction.

Since the ordinance would become effective immediately if the second and third readings do occur on November 3rd, the construction issue and any other unresolved aspect of the ban would have to be brought out for consideration, to prevent a cycle of escalating fines and possible suspension or revocation of licenses.

Had it passed, the original regulation proposed by the Agawam Board of Health would have gone into effect January 3, 2000. "The intention was to give owners time to make structural changes and for public education," said Health Department Director Randy White. "Although I am somewhat disappointed that the smoking ban was not passed by our Board of Health, like towns with similar forms of government, I am glad that the ordinance was passed by the council."

"There were 42 restaurants that were subject to be affected by the ban, and of them, a minority appeared in opposition at the hearings. In the past, the 'level playing field' idea was due to fear of being the only smoke-free community. Now there are many smoke-free restaurants and towns," said White.

Last June, Board of Health members were unable to agree to approve a smoking ban regulation. Ordinance committee Chairman George Bitzas describes the ensuing non-smoking cause, taken up by resident Edythe Chiba, as a "petition by the people." She submitted a petition in August from nearly 100 residents asking Town Council to pass an ordinance banning smoking in restaurants.

Unanimous Support By Council...

On October 14th, a Town Council subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend passage of the smoking ban. The full council "read" the ordinance for the first time at its meeting on Monday, October 18th, voting 11-0 to support the ordinance. Though the vote is practically a guarantee that the ban will become a reality, there are still two additional readings requiring nine votes (two-thirds) and amendments could still be made to the ordinance (theoretically).

According to Councilor George Bitzas, "We never intended to hurt any business by passing the smoking ban. But smoke does not belong in a dining room."

Ritchie Girard, owner of GoodFellas at the corner of North Street and North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, was originally concerned that he

would lose customers if the ban went into effect.

After conversations with at least one member of the council, Girard felt relieved to learn that his establishment did not fall into the category which would require a smoking ban. "It can be classed as a bar, yet I still serve food — so, in that sense, things worked out better for me than they did for some of the other owners."

Fran Mulcahy, owner of Fran's Restaurant, has been in business for many years and says he fully knows his clientele. He believes the ban will harm his business because the customer base is fairly well-established and he does not expect "new business" by becoming smoke-free.

There have been several arguments during the public hearings which have suggested that business will increase with the smoking ban because it did so in other cities. "They are comparing apples to oranges," Mulcahy objects.

Mulcahy was one of the few who showed up for every hearing. "The places that increased their revenue in other towns were in completely different types of neighborhoods, where the flow of traffic is much greater," he points out. "There have also been several small businesses in those towns where the smoking ban went into effect that went under due to loss of business."

Mulcahy adds, "I believe the Town Council should handle town affairs. Private business is not in that category. Small business is the backbone of any town, and the owners of those businesses should have control. My door has been open to everyone, whatever race or handicap. Unless they were destructive, they were welcome. If they smoked or did not smoke, I tried to make each one as comfortable as I possibly could. But I have the responsibility as the owner and I should be the one to run the business."

A "Political Football"...

According to Bill Euliano, Chairman of the Board of Health, the smoking issue has become something of a "political football." About 70 percent of the population is now non-smoking, according to Euliano, who admits to being part of the other 30 percent. Nevertheless, he believes that the smoking ban is appropriate because of the health effects of smoke. "A family should be able to dine out and not breathe smoke," Euliano told us.

Substantial focus has been placed on abolishing smoking through programs like the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. Kitty Jerome, Regional Field Director, sums up its three goals: 1. To protect non-smokers by reducing their exposure to environmental tobacco; 2. To persuade and help smokers to stop using tobacco; and 3. To prevent young people from starting to use tobacco. This public health education campaign has been effective with some portions of the population.

While several town councilors stated that their intention was not to hurt any business people, they say the passage of the smoking ban is an example of mandating a healthier environment. Provisions have not been made for all contingencies, such as preparation, construction time, and costs incurred in order to come into compliance. Public education might fit in there somewhere, as well. If these concerns are not addressed, there could be some business owners hurt by the ban, according to opponents.

On November 3rd, there will be Citizens' Speak Time before the council again votes on the matter, thereby giving both sides another public forum during which to speak out.

Fire Wise...

Halloween Safety Tips (Part II)

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The following "Halloween Safety Tips" were provided by Stephen D. Coan, State Fire Marshal, Department of Fire Services, Stow, Massachusetts.

RECEIVING TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door.

Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

DECORATIONS:

- Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.

- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.

- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.

CHECKING TREATS:

- Throw out anything that appears tampered with, homemade foods, or home-packaged foods unless you are certain of the source.

- Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age-appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

FIREWORKS:

Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens, or adults.

Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY:

Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and on Saturday, October 30th, change your clocks and change your batteries.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Recreation Assessment Comm. To Continue With Five-Year Plan

The Town of Agawam Recreation Assessment Committee (RAC) met Tuesday evening, October 19th to continue implementing their five-year plan.

The appointed committee acts as an advocacy and support group to the Director of Parks and Recreation. The group is represented by a cross-section of the citizens of Agawam whose function is to promote activities, programs, and to make recommendations to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the community through recreation regardless of age, race, creed, or economic status.

Through the evaluation of the Agawam Open Space and Recreation survey taken earlier this year, the residents of Agawam indicated strong areas that need to be addressed for community activities and programs. RAC is committed to listening to the needs of the town residents and will act as advocates to promote funding and implementation of community and family-based values. Short- and long-term goals are being formulated under the guidance of Chris Sparks, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The committee consists of Susan Pettazzoni, chairperson; Karla Young, vice chairperson; Jill Simpson and Charleen Tyler, secretaries; and members George Bitzas, Bill Daubmann, Louise David, Joann McGeoghan, Joseph Mineo, Jack O'Neil, Tom Tierney, and Robert Young.

For Civil Service Jobs...

Exam Schedule At Personnel Office In Town Hall

Personnel Officer Sandra MacFadyen has announced that the Commonwealth's current Examination Announcement Schedule, which includes announcements for all Open Competitive Civil Service examinations scheduled for Fiscal Year 2000 (July 1999 through June 2000), is available in the Personnel Office at Agawam Town Hall.

The listing of examinations includes municipal service firefighter, elevator inspector, plumbing and wire inspector, electrician, emergency medical technician, gas fitting inspector, nurse, steam fireman, treatment plant operator, stationery and power plant engineer, and pumping station operator.

Examination announcements and application forms are available in the Personnel Office.



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Veterans' Corner...

Veterans' Day Observance In Town Of Agawam

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

The Agawam Veterans' Council is busy formulating plans for the town's Veterans' Day observance on Thursday, November 11th. In keeping with this special day, I thought I would share an interesting article from *The Stars and Stripes* regarding the infamous RED BARON.

The "Red Baron" blazed a legendary trail through Europe's skies, but was German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen fit to fly in the last months of his short life? Henning Allmers, a German doctor, does not think so. Allmers, who worked in Bochum, Germany, said the WWI pilot should never have taken to the air after being shot in the head in July 1917. "I believe the Red Baron should not have been declared fit for duty after the head wound."

Allmers told Reuters von Richthofen, who shot down 80 Allied planes during his brief career, also suffered from depression after the near-fatal shooting. Eight months later, the young hero's red Fokker triplane was shot down in one of the dogfights that made him a living legend. "I think his will to live had diminished."

He was 25 and all his friends were dead. His comrades were dying at a rate of one or two a week. That would get to you, plus the brain injury. But in an age of tragic heroes, von Richthofen could not bow out.

Allmers was given access to von Richthofen's medical records by the pilot's family. The Red Baron was killed during a dogfight on April 21, 1918 — just two weeks before his 26th birthday.

This week, we continue to publish our World War II Honor Roll list of Agawam wartime veterans who lived in the Town of Agawam when they entered active duty military service, and whose last names begin with the letters "D," "E," and "F."

"D"

DACEY, FREDERICK G.
DAGLIO, ALFRED W.
DAGLIO, HENRY J.
DAIGNEAU, ARTHUR E.
DAIGNEAU, EARL D.
DALEY, CLARENCE J.
DALGLEISH, ROGER L.
DAUBITZ, ERICH W.
DAUDELIN, ALFRED S.
DAUDELIN, CLARENCE E.
DAVIO, JOSEPH C.

* DAVIS, ALBERT H.
DAVIS, ALFRED H.
DAVIS, ELWOOD R.
DAVIS, JAMES R.
DAVIS, HAROLD O.
DeFORGE, LAWRENCE E.
DEAN, FRANK E.
DEAN, GEORGE H.
DEAN, JOHN J., JR.
DECOTEAU, ALFRED A.
DeFORGE, JOHN H.
DeFORGE, JULES K.
DeFORGE, LAWRENCE E.
DeFORGE, LEO M.
DeFORGE, PHILIP J.
DeFORGE, RAYMOND J.
DeFORGE, ROBERT R.
DeGEORGE, JOSEPH J.
DeLEVO, ALBERT
DeLOGHIA, EDWARD M.
DeLUCCHI, MARIO
DEMKO, MICHAEL
DePALMA, FELIX
DESHANE, HAROLD
DEVECCHI, JAMES
DEVECCHI, PERINO
DEVINE, JOHN F.
DGETLUCK, JOHN
DICKINSON, HENRY C., JR.
DICLEMENTI, MAURO M.
DIDONATO, DOMENIC
DIDONATO, RALPH R.
DIDONATO, SANTI J., JR.
DIDUK, JOHN
DIDUK, PAUL
DONAIS, THEODORE E.
DONNELLAN, GEORGE A.
DONNELLAN, PATRICIA A.
DOOLITTLE, LAWRENCE H.
DOUGHERTY, EDWARD J.
DOWD, EDMUND F.
DRAGHETTI, LOUIS D.
DREWNOWSKI, STANLEY M.
DREWNOWSKI, WILLIAM J.
DRYZGA, WILLIAM J.
DUCLOS, EDWARD C.
DUCLOS, RAYMOND E.
DUCLOS, ROLAND E.
DUGAN, GEORGE H.
DUGAN, JOHN L.

DUGAN, STANLEY M.
DUGAN, ROBERT E.
DUMAS, RAYMOND E.
DUMOND, ROBERT E.
DURKAN, WALTER T.
* DURKAN, RAYMOND M.
DUVALL, ROY S.
DYMERSKI, PETER P.

"E"

EAGAN, RICHARD H.
EARLE, HENRY C.
EASTER, GEORGE R.
ESCHE, KARL K.
ESCHE, RICHARD H.
EVANGELIST, FRANK L.
EZEKIEL, GEORGE C.

"F"

FARNSWORTH, MERWYN B.
FELL, BERNARD
FENN, FRANCIS J.
FENN, ROBERT C.
FERRANTI, JOSEPH G.
FERRANTI, WILLIAM R.
FERRARINI, VICTOR P.
FERRELL, EVERETT C.
FERRELL, ROY
FIELD, WILLIAM
FIELDS, GILBERT A.
FIELDS, LYMAN F.
FISCHER, CHARLES H.
FISH, HAROLD B.
FITZGERALD, EDWARD J.
FLARO, WILLIAM P., JR.
FLYNN, EDWARD J., JR.
FORD, MALCOLM G.
FORNI, GERALD B.
FORTIER, HENRY, JR.
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FRANCIS, NORMAN W., JR.
FRANKLIN, STUART R.
FRASCO, AUGUSTINI A.
FULLAM, HAROLD A.
FULLAM, JAMES E.
FULLER, CLAYTON N.
FULLER, DONALD R.
FUSICK, ALBERT G.
FUSICK, JOSEPH M.
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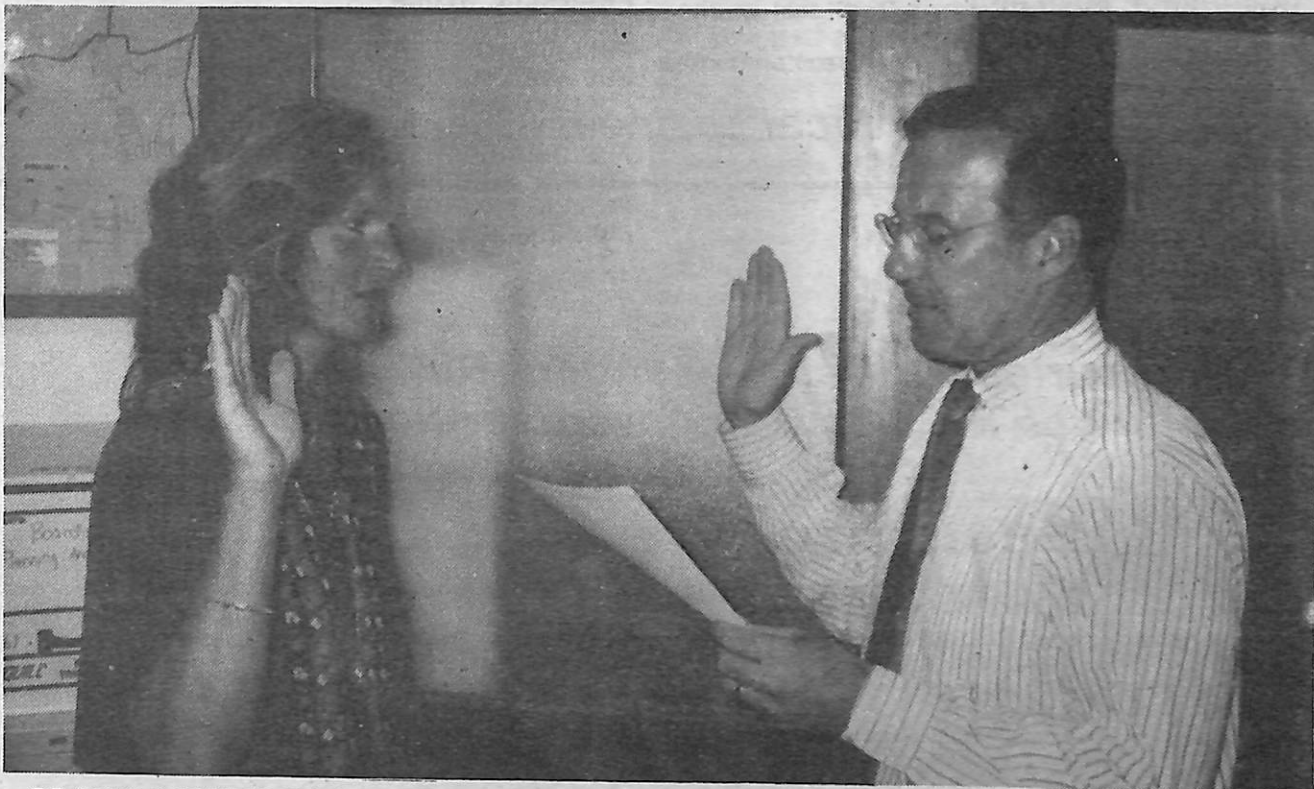
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Three Firefighters Cited For Bravery



DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15TH, three Agawam firefighters received commendations from Fire Chief David Pisano (far right) "for courageous actions" during two separate recent incidents. Firefighter-EMT Donald Savaria (far left) and Lieutenant Kenneth Avondo (second from the left), along with Police Officer Richard Conlon, wrestled a kitchen knife away from a distraught patient during a medical call. Firefighter-paramedic Christopher Bilodeau donned an SCBA unit and searched for victims during the August 7th Blizzard River Ride accident at Riverside Park. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

New Member Of Housing Authority



JOANN MCGEOGHAN OF FEEDING HILLS (left) recently became a member of the Agawam Housing Authority as Governor Cellucci's representative. Town Clerk Richard Theroux (right) administered the oath of office at Agawam Town Hall in September. Ms. McGeoghan is pleased and honored with the appointment and to be able to serve her community.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the

LEGAL NOTICE

petition of PAUL & ELEANOR BROZ, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-46, Paragraph E of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the repairing and servicing of equipment at the premises identified as: 624-626 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 3rd - 7:30 P.M.
Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/18/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-99-32- A Resolution Supporting an Application to the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction Public Works Economic Development (PWED) Grant Program for Traffic Improvements to Main St. (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees
 - None.
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-99-6- An Ordinance to Enact Ch. 36 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled Smoking in Public Places (2nd Reading).

On Saturday, November 20th...

"Thank You Reception" For Mayor Chris Johnson

The public is cordially invited to a "Community Thank You Reception" in honor of The Honorable Christopher C. Johnson for his years of service as Agawam's first mayor.

Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, all proceeds will benefit the Christopher C. Johnson Scholarship Fund. The reception will be held Saturday, November 20th at The Oaks Banquet House, 1070 Suffield St., Agawam.

Contribution is \$25 per person. A social hour will be held at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by dancing (no speeches!).

Sponsorships are available for businesses and residents. Each business and family sponsor will be listed in the program. Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 (includes 20 tickets); Silver Sponsor - \$500 (includes 10 tickets); Bronze Sponsor - \$250 (includes five tickets); Family Sponsor - \$100 (includes two tickets).

For more information, call Mayor's Office, 36 Main St., at 786-0400, ext. 200.

Agawam Republicans To Hold Breakfast Mtg. On November 6th

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting Saturday morning, November 6th at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The agenda will include the regular monthly business meeting and a discussion of the election year 2000.

Ron LaRiviere, committee chairman, asks that all present members attend this meeting and invites anyone interested in becoming an active member of the Republican Town Committee to attend the meeting also.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Aldege A. Paro

Aldege A. "Dace" Paro, 89, of Agawam, a former Agawam police officer, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was the first motorcycle officer in the Agawam Police Department, where he served for 11 years.

He also owned and operated the former Bridgeview Bar & Grill for 37 years.

Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident, attended Agawam schools, and the former Virginia College.

He was a member of the Agawam Golden Agers and served on the Agawam and West Springfield area draft boards.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Marian Wilson; a son, David W. of Hiram, Maine; a daughter, Judith M. Shrader of Agawam; two grandsons; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in the Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Beulah Russell

Beulah (Lynde) Russell, 87, of Agawam and formerly of West Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in the Millers Falls section of Montague, she later lived in West Springfield for 40 years before moving to Agawam four years ago.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas Church, West Springfield, and volunteered at many church activities.

Her husband, Harold J. Russell, predeceased her.

She leaves two sons, James of Springfield and John of Greenfield; a sister, Myrtle Nephew; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Joan Barker, also predeceased her. The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery of West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Donald A. Nowill

Donald A. Nowill, 74, of 86 Bridge Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a general forman at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford for 33 years and retired in 1983.

Born in Agawam, he lived in West Springfield before returning to Agawam 39 years ago.

He was a deacon and head usher of the Baptist Church and a member of its Over-60 Club.

He belonged to the Eastern Star in Westfield and the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge, and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Bernice Quick; a brother, Warren of West Springfield; a sister, Kathleen Steadman of Las Vegas, Nevada; and three grandchildren.

A daughter, Martha Dinneen, died in 1995. The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. The West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Richard E. Mastey

Richard E. "Dzia Fat Man" Mastey, 67, of Agawam, died recently at home.

Born, raised, and schooled in Springfield, he was an ironworker and a member of Local 357 of the Ironworkers Union for many years. He retired in 1993.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Claire Blanchard;

a son, Richard S. of Springfield; two daughters, Darlene A. Staples and Debra M. Fontaine, both of Springfield; a brother, Robert A. of Oklahoma; two sisters, Carolyn Lipscomb of Ludlow and Teri Seidel of Agawam; and four grandsons.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

James A. Crean

James A. Crean, 61, of Feeding Hills, died Sunday, October 24th, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was the general manager of George Spencer & Co. for 21 years and worked in sales for Chicopee Provisions until his retirement in 1997. He also had worked in sales for Swift Co. in Albany, New York.

Born in Holyoke, he was a 1955 Agawam High School graduate and a six-year veteran of the Marine Corps. He served during the Korean War with the rank of sergeant.

He was a long-time Feeding Hills resident and a member of the Agawam High School Booster Club and the Italian Sporting Club of Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna M. Demichele; three daughters, Michele Crean of Agawam and Jennifer and Bridget Crean, both of Feeding Hills; and two sisters, Catherine Hallaman and Nancy Modzelewski, both of Agawam.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, October 27th, at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Griffin's Friends, P.O. Box 80052, Springfield, MA 01138.

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Letters To The Editor

In Response To Letter From Owner of Fran's Restaurant

To The Editor:

A letter to *The Agawam Advertiser-News* from Fran Mulcahy, owner of Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills Center, indicated that my earlier letter accusing his restaurant of smoking violations needs correcting.

First, Mr. Mulcahy said that I did not specifically mention his restaurant, but that most people knew that I meant his place when I referred to a restaurant in Feeding Hills Center. He's absolutely right. I would be more than happy to mention violating restaurants by name, but *The Agawam Advertiser-News* appears not to allow such a practice. In an April letter-to-the-editor, I named a violating business, but the name I submitted was expunged. I took this to mean that only indirect references to a violating business were allowed. From that point on, I stopped naming businesses.

Next, Mr. Mulcahy claims that his restaurant was never cited by the Agawam Board of Health for violating a law of the Town of Agawam. If Fran's Restaurant was not cited, then that has to mean that Mayor Johnson lied to me. I wrote to the Mayor earlier this year indicating that neither Fran's nor any of the other restaurants that I had complained about had changed anything. In a letter dated 1/5/99, Mayor Johnson replied as follows: "In response to your earlier written complaints, the Health Agent (Randy White) investigated each one and reminded the restaurant owners of the Board of Health's regulations." If Mr. Mulcahy would like a copy of Mayor Johnson's letter, I'd be glad to supply him with it. Then he and the Mayor can argue about who is telling the truth.

Although Mr. Mulcahy says that he will always abide by the laws of Agawam, I have proof that he hasn't in the past. When I went into his restaurant last November, I asked the waitress to identify the non-smoking seats. She pointed to four tables in the back of the restaurant, near the door. I couldn't help but notice that the non-smoking tables were not separated from the smoking tables, allowing smoke to drift easily from one area to the other. That's one violation of Agawam's smoking regulation. The other violation concerns the number of available non-smoking seats. I counted 12 seats at the four tables. Agawam's regulations state that 50 percent of restaurant seats must be for non-smokers. Since Fran's total seating capacity is about 50, that would mean no fewer than 25 seats must be for non-smokers, yet fewer than half that number (12) were designated as non-smoking seats. Fran's Restaurant in no way comes close to the 50 percent minimum requirement, yet Mr. Mulcahy claims that he is not in violation. What am I missing here? In fairness to this restaurant, I haven't been in there in nearly a year, so perhaps it now complies with the regulations, but recent comments from others leads me to believe that not much has changed.

Finally, Mr. Mulcahy claims that his restaurant will continue to be a place where people will always leave with a smile. When I left his smoky restaurant last November, I certainly wasn't smiling. I was glad to leave the acrid smoke of Fran's Restaurant and breathe the fresh air outside. I never returned.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

Youth Football Announces Board Of Directors For 2000

To The Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Agawam Youth Football Association would like to thank all the parents who turned out for our annual meeting to elect a new Board for the year 2000.

We extend our gratitude to the following people:

Greg Barrows, President; Dan Mackin, Vice-President; Mary Sliach, Secretary; Sherry Barker, Treasurer; Jim White, Equipment Manager; Ann Trexler and Suzanne Waterman, Fundraisers; Maria Scoville and Michelle McNeish, Concession; Ron Plante and Frank Zucco, Field Maintenance; Frank Zucco and Michelle O'Meara, Game Management; Coach Parker, Coaches' Coordinator; Karen Texeira, Parent and Cheerleader Liaison; and Stan Chmielewski, Special Projects.

Without the volunteers, the football program cannot grow into the 21st century.
Thanks again and good luck!

Board Of Directors
Agawam Youth Football Association

Former Councilor Quatrone Endorses Rheault For Mayor

To The Editor:

As a homeowner, taxpayer, lifelong resident, and former city councilor, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to endorse Don Rheault for mayor.

During my service on the City Council, I supported and shared Mayor Johnson's vision for this community. During his tenure as mayor, he provided positive, effective leadership for Agawam.

When Mayor Johnson decided not to seek reelection, I felt that City Councilor Nancy Thompson was the obvious choice to replace him. She has a proven record of leadership, honesty, and integrity. However, the voters of this community exercised their right and selected two other candidates to move forward to the final election.

On Election Day, the voters have a clear choice. Let's keep moving forward and continue to advance our community in a positive way by electing Don Rheault mayor. The voters of this community have placed their trust in Don over the past 16 years by electing him to the City Council, and his colleagues on the council have selected him as their president several times.

Who is Don Rheault? Don is a long-time resident of Agawam. He has raised three children and nine grandchildren who attend the Agawam Public School system. He and his family are involved in Agawam sports and recreation.

Most importantly, Don has a solid, positive record of leadership, dedication, and commitment to this community. Agawam would benefit greatly from electing him the next mayor.

On Election Day — Tuesday, November 2nd — please vote **DON RHEAULT FOR MAYOR**.

Christian M. Quatrone, MS
Former Agawam City Councilor

Rich Cohen Will Do Right By The Citizens Of Agawam

To The Editor:

For the past 25 years, I have lived in this town and sat back as politicians have fought and bickered over issues and concerns regarding the citizens of Agawam. I've seen politicians come and go, promises made, and many promises broken.

Just when there seems to be no end to all of this, a new face comes into the picture. His name is Rich Cohen.

I recently met Rich at a coffee hour. His concerns about education, senior citizens, and the youth of this town go beyond the extra mile.

I was impressed by his openness, honesty, and sincerity. He also addressed family values, moral responsibility, and using the town's assets to

their full, maximum potential.

In my opinion, Rich has strong leadership skills and will work with the citizens of this town for a positive change, not only for the present, but for the future as well.

So, citizens of Agawam, cast your vote on November 2nd for Rich Cohen. He's the man who will not only get the job done right, but will do right for the citizens of Agawam.

Debbie Pond
Agawam

Rheault Has The Resources To Be An Effective Mayor

To The Editor:

I am taking this opportunity to provide a few words of support on behalf of mayoral candidate Donald Rheault.

Having served on the Agawam Town Council, I was able to observe first-hand the manner in which Don executed his duties as council president. He demonstrated a thorough knowledge of town government, the legislative process, parliamentary procedure, and the intricacies of municipal budget development.

Don was always fair, impartial, and effective in presiding over council meetings, notwithstanding councilors' viewpoints or any difficult issues that came under consideration.

I now look forward to Don's service to the town as a team builder in addressing financial questions, capital improvement plans and projects, and the needs and interests of the citizens, town employees, and the community as a whole. His professional demeanor, experience, leadership skills, and ability to listen to his constituencies will be invaluable resources as the town continues to grow.

Therefore, I enthusiastically support Donald Rheault as the next mayor of Agawam.

Sincerely,
Peter D. Mazza
Former Town Council Member

Rich Cohen Would Make A Great Mayor For Agawam

To The Editor:

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I think Mr. Cohen would be a great mayor!

Cali Longtin, Feeding Hills
(A kid for a better community.)

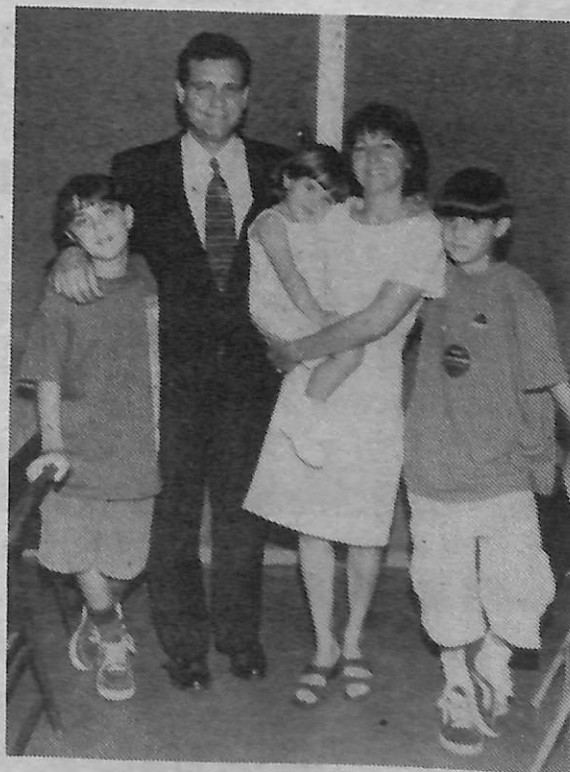
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Thomas DeNardo, Chairman

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- Accountability

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How Can Donald Rheault Protect Our Environment?

To The Editor:

In a political ad (Oct. 14th) from Donald Rheault, he promised to protect our environment. Yet, in a picture on the front page of the *Union News* the day after the primary, Mr. Rheault is seen with two of the leading developers in our town.

Since at least one of these developers has been in conflict with the Conservation Commission on numerous occasions, how can Mr. Rheault protect our environment? The environment is more than Berkshire Power. It is also our precious wetlands as well.

From the number of political ads in *The Advertiser News*, the Committee to Elect Don Rheault must be raising and spending many thousands of dollars to run his campaign. What kind of political influence is this money buying? Will Mr. Rheault be able to control improper development if he is beholden to these developers?

Another issue comes to mind after viewing this same picture. Mr. Rheault, among others, has been very critical of Berkshire Power for exercising its right to sue the town over the oil storage permit. Yet, he is pictured with another developer and supporter who has just won a lawsuit with the

town over "open land" taken by eminent domain. This lawsuit will cost the town over \$1 million if it is not overturned in court.

I don't remember hearing Mr. Rheault complaining about this lawsuit and finding fault with his supporter. All he did was find fault with the Mayor.

Money buys influence, especially when and if it comes from someone you may have to regulate as mayor.

Joy A. Poggi
Agawam

Rheault Has The Proven Leadership To Be Mayor

To The Editor:

Yester-year. Who is playing old-time politics? Who is going back 20 years to dig up dirt? Who would be learning "on-the-job" at the taxpayers' expense?

Proven leadership is needed to run a \$45 million business!!!

Vote Don Rheault, who, as council president for the last two years, brought sanity and cooperation back to the council!!!!

Rita R. Pisano
Agawam

Cohen Does Have The Experience To Be Mayor

To The Editor:

Here we go again. Think back 10 years ago. All we heard were concerns about Chris Johnson's age and lack of experience.

Yet 10 years later, we have seen our town's improvement and its stable financial condition.

Now we are hearing that Mr. Cohen lacks "experience." Just as Chris Johnson had experience running a cleaning firm and managing rental property, Rich Cohen has experience managing movie theaters in the area and in the preparation and control of his department budget at STCC.

The Town Council does not prepare a budget. It only passes one with or without adjustments. Therefore, multiple years on the council do not prepare a councilor to be mayor. They only prepare a councilor to be a more experienced councilor.

Mr. Cohen is a highly educated candidate who is running a "grassroots" campaign to be our next

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Re-Elect Robert A. Magovern



INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP

Bob Magovern has always stood by a philosophy that Agawam is governed best when governed by its people. One of Bob's strongest assets as a town councilman is that the citizens of Agawam know unquestionably that they have access to him. He listens and takes to heart the issues and needs of our municipality. He is focused and invested in responding to the people. Bob brings a wealth of skill and experience to the town council. He believes in getting things done as part of a team. The cohesiveness of the town council these past two years is an example of this philosophy.

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- ★ Boston University - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- ★ Vice President, Agawam City Council
- ★ Chairman, The Ordinance Committee - initiated changes pertaining to used car lots
- ★ Chairman, School Budget Committee
- ★ Instrumental in Appropriation of Additional Funds for the Library and School Locker Room Improvement
- ★ Participated in the Highest Tax Base in the History of Agawam by Working with Riverside Park and Berkshire Power
- ★ Advocated for Playscapes
- ★ Former Westfield State College Trustee
- ★ President - Neighbor to Neighbor of America, Inc.
- ★ Former Member of the Agawam Conservation Committee
- ★ Local Historian and Lecturer on 17th Century New England History
- ★ Married to Peggy Magovern
- ★ Father of Two Children - James and Carrie

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Who does Don Rheault really represent you or the developers ?

On the front page of the *Springfield Union News* on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, Don Rheault was pictured at his primary day victory party with two of Agawam's most prominent real estate developers.

Rich Cohen will enter the Mayor's Office with fresh ideas and a clean slate.

Rich Cohen will represent you !



Rich Cohen for Mayor

Let's keep Agawam moving in the Right Direction !
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mayor. His experience at STCC has shown him the skills our youth will need to master during their elementary and secondary education in order to be successful after high school. He will carry this knowledge and experience to the School Committee as he and the committee work together to move our school system into the next century.

Much has also been said about Mr. Rheault's ability to control the council. In my opinion, it is easy to appear in control when there are no controversial issues before the council like Berkshire Power.

Let's go back 10 years when the council was the talk of the Pioneer Valley and beyond. The town had just gone through a number of town managers who were fired after power struggles with the Council. It was this embarrassing situation that led the citizens to adopt a strong mayoral form of government. Present councilor Ed Caba was one of the managers fired after protracted battles with the council and its leadership.

Mr. Rheault was the council chairman during many of these battles.

Does Don Rheault have the experience necessary to be mayor? Is he the leader we want with the ability to form consensus on tough issues? Think of his leadership 10 years ago and then cast your ballot for Rich Cohen.

Susan Longtin
Feeding Hills

Dawson Has Good Ideas For Agawam School Committee

To The Editor:

With the elections coming up next week, there are many good candidates to support. Some I have met, still others I have heard or read about. But there is one I know very well. She is my wife, Susan Dawson. She is running for a seat on the School Committee.

Susan and I have been married for 12 years. And yes, they have been wonderful years. Not without our share of life's setbacks, though. We met on a blind date, or as she calls it, a "blind" blind date. My wife has diabetes, and was (at the time we met) having considerable trouble with her eyes. A girl whom she worked with as a resident assistant at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, drove her up to Connecticut to "meet the guy you're gonna marry." I was in the U.S. Navy at the time, sharing a house with a couple of guys from my boat. That weekend my wife's friend, my roommate, Susan, and I all went out. I usually say I was lucky she couldn't see very well. By the time she had an operation to repair her eyes, we had already fallen for each other. Fifty-one weeks later, we were married.

We moved around a lot our first few years. Comes with the territory when you are in the service. We finally settled in Agawam after looking at the other towns around the area. We thought this would be the best place to raise our kids. We had three beautiful kids along the way: Andy, Zach, and Taylor. I think they get the beautiful part from their mother. They are all doing well in the Agawam public schools.

Through all the years, the ups and downs we've had, our love and faith in each other has never wavered. Susan is a very intelligent, strong, and honest lady. She deeply cares about people. Through her advocacy business, she has helped numerous children and their parents to get a better education and a better way of life. Even beyond her work, she touches so many lives. People call or stop her all the time just to talk to her or ask her advice. She is always willing to give of her time.

I believe Agawam is a great town. We chose to live here. This last year, though, I started a new job in the area. We, of course, didn't have to move. However, some of my fellow employees who started about the same time, did need to move into the area. I told them about Agawam and how great I thought it was. None of them moved into Agawam, though.

The research they did and the advice they received from their realtors steered them away from Agawam to other towns with "better" school systems. We are not looked upon as one of the best in Western Mass. I would think even those in Agawam who do not have children in the public schools would want Agawam to be known as one of the best. A lot of these kids are going to remain in Agawam after they complete their education. I'm sure we want the best educated citizens possible.

Some work needs to be done on our schools. When you go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2nd, please cast one of your School Committee votes for Susan Dawson. She is a hard-working, caring, and bright candidate with a lot of good ideas on how to help improve the schools. She is also a wonderful wife and mother. I should know; I've lived with her for 12 years.

Thank you,
J.D. Dawson
Agawam

Cohen's Information On Berkshire Power Is Inaccurate

To The Editor:

On Tuesday morning (October 26th), I listened to the debate between the two mayoral candidates, Mr. Rheault and Mr. Cohen, on Dan Yorke's radio show, and I am compelled to answer and set the record straight in regards to the answer stated by Mr. Cohen concerning Berkshire Power.

In his campaign for mayor, Mr. Cohen has been preoccupied with the past. If Mr. Cohen had researched the Berkshire Power issue, he could have given an informed answer instead of one filled with inaccuracies.

Mr. Cohen stated that he "supports the \$1.2 million in taxes and would continue to carry out Mayor Johnson's policy" towards Berkshire Power. He further stated "we must be good neighbors and stop the litigation against them."

The following is a factual background on the Berkshire Power issue, and I hope this will be of help to Mr. Cohen's understanding of an issue he does not know.

Berskhire Power's proposal to the town was to give an annual payment of \$1 million in lieu of taxes. Later, to sell their proposal, they upped the amount by \$200,000 for a total of \$1.2 million. This represented paying only one-third of what they would be required to pay in TAXES.

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Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in compliance with the provisions set forth in the Agawam Home Rule Charter as adopted November 16, 1971, the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts qualified to vote in elections, are herewith notified to meet in their respective polling places as follows:

- Precinct 1: Robinson School, 65 Begley Street.
- Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, South Westfield Street.
- Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street.
- Precinct 4: Agawam Middle School, 100 Main Street.
- Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street.
- Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street.
- Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street.

on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1999, at eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m., then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following offices:

- * Mayor
- * Councilor
- * School Committee

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
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ATTEST:

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) researched what other communities with power plants were receiving in taxes. The CCBA discovered that Agawam should not make an in lieu of tax deal with Berkshire Power, which would result in Agawam losing approximately \$3 million in taxes a year.

The CCBA brought this information to the City Council and a public hearing was held. The City Council then voted against the in lieu of tax agreement, therefore insuring that Agawam would get its fair share of tax monies.

Berkshire Power is at fault for litigation against them, for it was they who broke the law. They built an oil storage tank before applying for the proper building permits. They tried to go around the authority of the City Council.

Mr. Cohen, the Mayor and City Council are sworn to uphold the laws of Agawam. Would you ignore the oath of office, or would you turn a blind eye?

The above is just one of many inaccuracies Mr. Cohen has spoken about. In the future, please research all your material.

Sincerely,
Judy Stieg
Agawam

Don Rheault Deserves To Be Next Mayor Of Agawam

To The Editor:

In the Agawam mayoral race, Rich Cohen has tried to portray himself as the perfect candidate for mayor. I believe nothing could be further from the truth! Helping veterans obtain scholarships is a wonderful thing, but really, what does it have to do with running an efficient town government?

Here is a man who admitted to me that he never attended a council meeting, or a planned board meeting. Perhaps Mr. Cohen attended a couple of School Committee meetings when his twin brother, a counselor in the Agawam High School, was disciplined for the gun incident. Could his motivation to run for mayor be an attempt to seek revenge against those who disciplined his brother?

After Mr. Cohen admitted his lack of attendance at town meetings, he told me that he could learn as time progresses. Does that mean that were are going to provide him with "on-the-job training" at the expense of the taxpayer? I don't think that's giving taxpayers more "bang for their buck."

Let's compare Rich's qualifications with that of Don Rheault. Don has served 16 years on the City Council with 10 of those years being elected as council president by his peers. He restored credibility and professionalism to the council.

Agawam is like a \$45 million business. Why does Cohen feel like he doesn't need to pay his dues? How many of us can just step in and start at the top? I suggest a run for the council first, maybe a little community service and then he may be ready for the top office.

Labor relations, state aid, budgets, etc. should be left to a seasoned leader, not a rookie! Don is a seasoned and experienced person, intelligent, fair, and a successful businessman. The Chamber of Commerce recognized Don with the 1999 Small Business Honoree of the Year award. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association and also the Chamber of Commerce.

In view of what I have written, would you hire Don or his opponent to run your business in your absence?

Don's roots are in Agawam as is his heart. Mr. Cohen's roots are in Longmeadow. I ask you to give the nod to Don Rheault because he has earned it. He started from the bottom; his opponent wants to start from the top.

MAYBE THEY DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY IN LONGMEADOW?

Joseph L. Pisano
Agawam

Councilor Letellier Urges Residents To Go To The Polls

To The Editor:

To The People Of Agawam:

I would like to take this opportunity before Election Day on November 2, 1999 to thank everyone that has supported me in my first term as "your" City Councilor and worked with me on my re-election campaign. I especially want to thank my campaign staff, my parents, Walter "Terry" Letellier and Maryanne M. Letellier.

Two years ago, the voters of Agawam gave me the privilege, honor, and responsibility of being "your" City Councilor. I have not undertaken this responsibility lightly. I have always worked and voted for what I believe is in the best interests of all of Agawam, both now and in the future. I researched the issues and was never afraid to ask questions. I have always been available by phone, voice mail, e-mail, and facsimile and many of you have used these mediums to contact me. Thank you. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard, remembering the privilege you have bestowed upon me.

To everyone that has pledged their vote, worked at my ziti dinner, volunteered to hold a sign, let me place a sign on your lawn, or made a donation of time or money, I cannot thank you enough. To mention everyone by name would take an entire page. I will try to thank you all individually after the election.

I would also like to take this time to remind my fellow voters about the importance of the coming election. When you vote for councilors, School Committee members, and mayor, ask yourself why you are voting for this individual! Although "change" may be a reason to vote for someone, it should never be the only reason.

Ask yourself, what does this person stand for, how has this person treated his or her opponents (that is an excellent gauge of how they will treat you as citizens), has this person demonstrated a commitment to Agawam and its people, is this person invested in the community, active in the community, dedicated to the future of Agawam, honest? I hope the people you support have all of these qualities.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer on Election Day or if you need a ride to the polls, please call me at 786-4723. Thank you again for your time.

Very truly yours,
Gina-Marie Letellier

Let's Vote For Experienced Candidates On November 2nd

To The Editor:

To The People Of Agawam:

Not in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that our Town, for two years in a row, might field for public office so very many truly deserving candidates. So soon after voting in a genuine "clean slate" for City Council in 1997, we now have an opportunity to reinforce for the Town of Agawam the goal of a responsive, ethical, forward-thinking, fiscally prudent, open and environmentally responsible political climate.

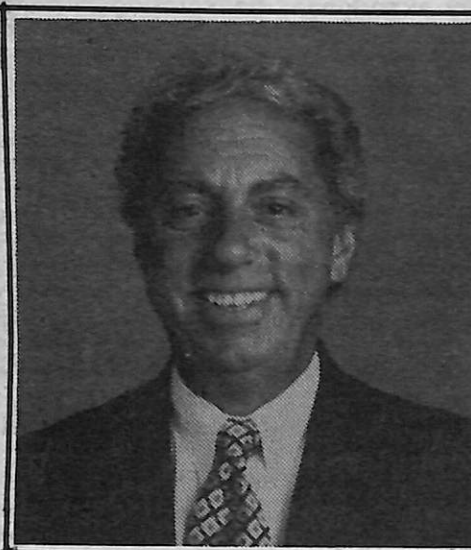
We have an opportunity now to not only reward experienced candidates who reject "politics as usual," but also to help provide a "clean slate" for the Mayor's office and the School Committee. Those in Town who share these goals may wish to consider the following "clean slate" for positive change in Agawam.


I support, of course, for Mayor, none other than Council President Donald Rheault. His record of constituent service, responsiveness and finding

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City Council

"Working together, we will succeed!"

As Election Day nears, I ask you for your vote that I may continue to serve our community in the same tradition and leadership that I served public safety for over thirty years.

*** * My commitment comes from a lifelong love of our community, a commitment which will reflect each and every aspect of that tradition.**

*** * My ambition is to carry on those ideals and principles by which I've lived and served with pride, honesty, and integrity and focus that energy making your voice heard and clearly represented.**

*** * My goal is a vision that sees the potential and challenges the issues to lead us into the 21st century.**

**TOGETHER, WE WILL SUCCEED IN
MAKING AGAWAM A BETTER PLACE**

I ask for your support; I need your vote!

**E*L*E*C*T
BOB ROSSI**

**CITY COUNCIL
HOME-GROWN LEADERSHIP
YOU CAN TRUST!!!**

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the most value for your tax dollars is nothing short of outstanding. At least three School Committee candidates also share this commitment, and I hope those insisting on ethics and accountability will save three votes among their six for Susan Dawson, Karl Stieg, and Mike Martin. Mr. Stieg especially has demonstrated a commitment towards ethical and accountable government for years.

With so many positive candidates now contending for City Council, I can hardly speak ill of any candidates. No fewer than 10, however, have a very clear record of ethical leadership and civic activism underlining a commitment to the concerns that nearly all have expressed. My support is therefore for those whose ideas and deeds have impressed me the most. I salute them, and urge your support.

For Joe Mineo, Louis Russo, Mike DelNegro, Kent P. Servis, and Gina-Marie Letellier, my vote is for fiscal watchdogs who want all to receive and pay their fair share. They will continue to seek improved services for city residents, and a resident-friendly shift in the tax burden. They will remain, as always, conscientious and ethical, environmentally responsible guardians of the public trust. We will benefit from their tenure.

For Stanley Chmielewski, Gary Geiger, Dennis Perry, Bob Magovern, and Ed Caba, my vote is for the most caring, conscientious, and ethical of men committed to help restore public accountability to government. They will strongly defend our laws and their democratic intent, promoting integrity before political ideology. They have all been tireless in their genuine commitment to this Town and sincerely hope to serve our Town. Mr. Magovern's record of service, especially, calls to mind for me the late Silvio Conte.

Please consider the most accomplished, forward-thinking progressives for public office. They neither dwell on the past, nor live in it. We shall in no way be disappointed.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Let's Return Kent Servis To The Agawam Town Council

To The Editor:

I hope the voters in the town of Agawam don't forget a man who is running for council, but has

been out of the limelight for a few years. His name is KENT SERVIS.

While he was a council member, he was involved in many important issues involving the town, and (after extensive research) always seemed to come up with the right answer to the problem.

In his second term as councilor, he was elected to the presidency. He ran an excellent meeting.

If elected, he will be just as effective in facing the problems of the town as he was before.

Don't forget, come November 2nd, **VOTE KENT SERVIS** for councilor.

Thank you,
Arthur & Ernestine Book
Agawam

City Council Can Use Someone Like Rich Morassi

To The Editor:

Every once in a while, a new personality pops up on the political scene who is different than the standard politician. Such a one is Attorney Richard Morassi. He is running for a seat on our City Council, and he deserves to get it.

My wife and I first met him in a religious context many years ago. We noticed then his almost spiritual approach to life, seasoned by hard, practical experience as a lawyer in private practice. We found out later that he had also been Associate Town Solicitor for 10 years, which gives him a very experienced background in handling the business of the town.

But what stands out about Rich Morassi is his integrity, his willingness to be out front on big issues that confront the town, and his immense concern for the less fortunate among us. He has worked with special needs children for years, has instituted such educational events as the High School Symposium, and done outstanding work on such projects as the establishment of Perry Lane Park, the preservation of Robinson State Park, and various efforts to prevent Agawam from being the dumping ground for other communities around us.

Agawam, or any other community for that matter, can use people like Rich Morassi like a plant can use water. He wants to serve, and we will all benefit if he does. I hope you will all give him support in the form of your vote.

Very truly yours,
S. Thomas Martinelli
Agawam

Rosemary Sandlin Has Worked Hard For Agawam's Children

To The Editor:

As a parent of two children who have attended Agawam schools since kindergarten (one graduated Agawam High School and the other is currently a senior), I strongly support Rosemary Sandlin for School Committee.

I have known her to frequently visit the schools, speak with administrators, teachers, parents, and children in Agawam. She listens to their concerns and brings them to the attention of the School Committee.

She has proven to be a leader, and if you watch a School Committee meeting, she has done her homework concerning the Education Reform Act and how it affects Agawam schools and our children.

She is very concerned about the school budget and to insure that the children of Agawam receive the best possible education by spending our tax dollars wisely.

She has also been a long-time advocate for all-day kindergarten, something that is long overdue in Agawam.

I urge you again to vote for Rosemary Sandlin for School Committee. She has earned your support and she will continue to work hard for the children of Agawam.

VOTE ROSEMARY SANDLIN FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 2nd.

Peggy Gallant
Feeding Hills

Cohen Will Work To Make Agawam A Modern Utopia

To The Editor:

I am a student of Agawam High School and a part-time employee in Agawam. I am taking this time to express my concern about a key issue that I feel needs to be addressed.

Hands-on experience is definitely the best way of learning that we students lack. As a construction worker, I have only come across a few students working in a trade. This town needs a program that will give the students the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with individuals experienced in the trade in which they are interested.

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JOHN NEGRUCCI CITY COUNCIL



- Former Union Pension Fund Administrator
- Past President Agawam Lions Club
- Past Member Mass. Lions Club Eye Research Committee
- Italian Sister City Commission
- Former Board Of Health Chairman
- Husband To Cyndi
- Father Of Three
- Grandfather Of Six
- 36-Year Resident

John's Priorities:

- Bowles Road Access
- DPW Garage
- Library Expansion
- Senior Center Expansion
- A More Aggressive Council With A Focus On Achievement
- Continued Funding For Education
- Open Space Conversion To Assets
- Tuckahoe Project Closure
- Additional Industrial Park

Re-Elect JOHN NEGRUCCI

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Experience Does Make A Difference*

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Vote For Agawam's Future LOUIS J. RUSSO For City Council



Dear Residents of Agawam:

As the election draws near and the closing days of the campaign pass by, I would like to once again list what I have done to help our community and what I hope to accomplish in the future if elected to the city council. My past record proves that I get things done and that I can continue to accomplish more as your city councilor. I ask that you allow me the opportunity to continue serving our community and you. A vote for me means a vote for the following because Louis Russo:

- Will donate his council pay raise to elderly and educational programs.
- Is responsible for insuring Berkshire Power pays \$2.5 million plus in taxes.
- Successfully defended lawsuits brought against Agawam by outside interest.
- Consistently supported fully funded education.
- Sponsored assistance for the elderly and handicapped.
- Will sponsor and support elderly needs such as housing and transportation.
- Publicly fought for taxpayer protection against improper assessments.
- Publicly fought to protect small business owners.
- Supported and voted for Tuckahoe Turf and the Agawam Country Club.
- Sponsored the adoption of the "Citizen's Consensus."
- Will sponsor and promote year-round recreation at Tuckahoe.
- Sponsored Veterans Organization Exemptions.
- Will fight to protect our retired employees' pensions.
- Sponsored protection for elderly nursing home patients.
- Sponsored zone changes to protect Agawam's character.
- Sponsored Taxpayer's "Bill of Rights."
- Publicly fought to protect our community against those with special interest.
- Supports and is in the forefront of Charter Revision.
- Sponsored health and safety protection for residents.
- Will promote a new industrial park to increase our tax base.
- Voted against all tax increases for homes and businesses.
- Supported restructuring of the industrial park.
- Helped design and construct the Veterans' Green and Gazebo.

For more, call 786-9107, Fax 789-4066,
or go online at WWW.Sysimp.com/Agawam/Lrusso/

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Richard Cohen hopes to be able to give this opportunity to the students. Richard and I have had numerous conversations about this concern of mine. Richard Cohen is a man who is willing to work with the community to bring this idea to life and make Agawam a better place for kids.

I have always found that Rich's door is always open, whether it be at school or home. He is there for whomever needs his advice and leadership. Richard Cohen is someone that students and parents can talk to, no matter what it is regarding.

If you pass by him on the street or in a store, you will always receive a friendly "Hello!" or at least a friendly nod. I feel that he would be the best choice for mayor.

If elected, he will work to make Agawam a modern utopia for the future leaders of our world.

Doug Daubmann
Agawam

Let's Vote For Candidates With Goals, Not Agendas

To The Editor:

After reading the various campaign ads and watching the Chamber of Commerce's "Meet the Candidates" evening, I am compelled to address a couple of issues.

Several candidates have stated concerns about our "per pupil average spending" being less than the so-called state average. As a former School Committee member, I feel a clarification is needed.

The formulas used for arriving at the per-pupil amount are varied, and encompass many different factors. The budgets for many school districts include amounts for the physical plants (i.e. building maintenance, grounds maintenance, utilities, etc.). These amounts are included in the formula for computing the per-pupil amount.

The physical plant costs for Agawam's schools are included in the formula for computing the per-pupil amount. The physical plant costs for Agawam's schools are included in the CITY'S side of the budget, not the school budget. Another factor is salaries. Various sections of the state, such as the Boston area, have higher salary costs for personnel. Bring it down to common sense. Wages in the eastern part of the state are usually higher, but so isn't the cost of living.

I have no problem with candidates who want the best and most for our school children and the city. I just wish they would "do their homework" on the TRUTH of the issue before misleading themselves and the voters.

I would like to state that I feel Susan Pettazzoni has given a hundred percent for fighting for ALL of our children and their education. Even on the rare occasion when I haven't agreed with Mrs. Pettazzoni's position, I have never questioned her desire for the best school system that Agawam can provide. I hope the voters will keep that in mind.

Citizens of Agawam, please vote for people with goals, not agendas. As a resident and former elected official, I've seen more agendas that I care to remember. Don't say your vote doesn't

matter or there isn't a choice. I KNOW all votes matter, and we all have to live with the results. Why let a small percentage of voters decide how we ALL will live?

Louise R. David
Feeding Hills

Magovern Deserves To Be Re-Elected To The Council

To The Editor:

I have gotten to know Bob Magovern over the last few years by watching the way he has handled himself on the City Council.

He has been a good listener, a team player, and seems to have a grasp of the facts before he has spoken. His knowledge of Agawam has been evident in the way he has directed his question about issues before the council.

I listened to the debate sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and everyone talked about the windfall in taxes Agawam was going to receive. As I remember, the original in-lieu-of-tax agreement was to have been only \$800,000 per year from Berkshire Power. It was under the leadership of Bob Magovern as Vice President and Don Rheault as President with the support of the majority of the council that they were able to vote down the in-lieu-of-tax proposal. The tax for value which was passed, at this time amounts to over \$1,500,000 with the amount to reach over \$2,000,000 a year.

Bob Magovern's historical and family background gives him a different perspective toward the development of Agawam. As a graduate of the Agawam High School, he has personal knowledge of the types of issues that confront our school system. As a small business owner in Agawam his future is also a part of this town. Because of the way he has shown leadership and worked with the council for the past two years, he deserves re-election.

I ask you to vote for Bob Magovern on November 2nd, the same as I will be doing.

Anne Listro
Feeding Hills

Cohen Can Lead Agawam Into The Next Millennium

To The Editor:

To My Fellow Graduates:

As recent graduates, this will be the first mayoral election in which many of us have an opportunity to cast a vote.

We are the future of Agawam, we must pick a candidate who is best qualified for the position of Mayor. We want to elect a candidate who shows leadership skills, interest in the senior citizens and the youth, and can lead Agawam into the millennium. MY CHOICE IS RICH COHEN!

This is an important choice for us. We cannot vote for a person with the most yard signs or just because he is the Town Council president. Agawam has had many council presidents, and yard signs don't vote, people vote.

RICH COHEN has the leadership, concern, and interest for our community. He has done his homework. In the last few weeks, he has shown

his feelings on Berkshire Power, Riverside Park, education, and economic development, to name a few.

I urge everyone, before you vote on Tuesday, November 2nd, do your homework.

VOTE RICH COHEN FOR OUR NEXT MAYOR. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Michael W. Beaudry
Agawam

Rheault Stands For Decency, Honesty, And Integrity

To The Editor:

It absolutely amazes us how people spew verbiage that is not true, especially about Don Rheault.

We would like to set the record straight seeing we were there and fought "old time politics" firsthand. Over 20 years ago, the Phase II sewer project was foremost in our lives; it affected over 300 families in Feeding Hills. We won't go into the details because it would take hours to distill a three-year battle.

What we will say, very simply and succinctly, is that six neighbors banded together to represent the Phase II families against a terrible injustice. As naive as we were, we learned fast what it was like to fight Agawam politics; we had no idea what we were in for. At that time, what we did have going for us was then Precinct 2 Councilor Dan Lacienski, who represented our precinct with tenacity, honor, and integrity.

He gave his word to help us and worked tirelessly to bring the Phase II issue before the Agawam Town Council. He sat with each councilor, Don Rheault being one, and explained the Phase II issue. At the time, Dan represented Precinct 3 and did not know any of us.

Don met with us and listened as we presented our concern; he investigated the issue and sought out the facts. He told us he would help us. There were other councilors who also gave their word to help, however, we did not have a majority on the council and our three-year battle began.

For three years, we attended each council meeting, petitioned for a public hearing, made call after call lobbying for our cause, and encountered obstacle after obstacle put there by "old time politics."

Don Rheault helped us fight that battle. He gave his word, kept his word, and never faltered or wavered under political pressure to change his vote. We penetrated that "old time political armor" and we did it with the help of Don Rheault. Do you have any idea what that meant for over 300 families? If you now own a home in the Phase II area, you can thank Dan Lacienski, Don Rheault, Tom Locke, and Walter Kerr, to name a few, for fighting for a process that was reasonable and fair - not absurd.

We take great exception to those who are relatively new to Agawam that put Don Rheault in the class of "old time politics." The Phase II sewer project should not have fallen into "old time politics," but it did. If affected us then as projects like that will affect you now.

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Senator Linda Melconian Supports Stan Chmielewski for Agawam Town Council

- Stan understands the complex workings of local and state government. His assistance and commitment has taken projects like the Rt. 57 Extension from a dream to reality.

- Stan has a true and passionate commitment to all the citizens of Agawam, both old and young.

- I ask you to join me in supporting Stan Chmielewski for Agawam Town Council.



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His concern for us then will continue to be a concern for you now. So, if you must classify Don, then put him in the class where you will find decency, honesty, and integrity. He was there for us over 20 years ago and will be there for all of Agawam now.

The Phase II Sewerless Homes Committee
Carol Book, Art Book, Will Daignault
Jim Mahoney, Anita McNamee, Jim McNamee

We Should Not Take A Chance On Richard Cohen**To The Editor:**

After watching the candidates' night last week on Channel 15, I came to the conclusion that Richard Cohen will take us back to the old days of fighting and dirty politics. He was on the attack during most of his 2½ minutes of free time and also when he answered the six questions asked of him.

Don Rheault, on the other hand, concentrated on his experience as a councilor, as president of the council, and on the fact that he has restored an atmosphere of civility to our town. He told about the new business he helped bring to town, about his plans for the Senior Center and DPW. Don was quick to credit all other members of the council for their cooperation and his open communication with Mayor Johnson. Not once during the debate did he say a single negative thing about Rich Cohen.

For some reason, Rich Cohen decided to attack (possibly because he knows little about Agawam and has little experience with government). He criticized Rheault because Don lived here all his life. I don't know why he criticized some of our former town managers who no longer live here. He's not running against them. He also attacked a member of our City Council and a longtime friend of Agawam.

I don't see how attacking is going to bring something new to Agawam. Criticizing other elected officials is only going to create an atmosphere of distrust and enemies. We had that once and we are finally free from dirty politics. If you noticed, all other races in town are free from attack.

I urge you to read Don Rheault's advertisements and then read Cohen's. In the Rheault ads, you'll read about Don's plans for Agawam,

his love of community, family, and God. In the Rich Cohen ads, you'll see him attempting to discredit his opponent, as well as another person that he is not even running against.

If his "youthful enthusiasm" means attacking others, then I don't think we can take a chance on Rich Cohen. He should consider running for School Committee or the City Council next term to gain experience and learn how to control his campaign. We have come so far in the past few years and I would hate to see us go backwards.

Jack Rioni
Feeding Hills

Council Candidate Anthony Bonavita Knows The Issues**To The Editor:**

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the voters of Agawam to vote for Anthony C. Bonavita for Agawam City Council. Anthony's issue-oriented campaign is indicative of the type of councilor he would be.

He studies issues and listens to the citizens' viewpoints, always keeping in mind Agawam first. He puts personalities aside and acts in a professional and positive manner.

I am happy to support Anthony C. Bonavita in his City Council campaign.

Very truly yours,
Marie Kellogg
Agawam

Bonavita Has The Experience To Lead Us In Right Direction**To The Editor:**

As we enter the year 2000, Agawam will have elected a new mayor and will be facing new challenges. We will need elected officials on the Town Council who have the educational background and experience to lead us in the right direction.

Anthony C. Bonavita is such a person, and I urge the voters of Agawam to elect Anthony C. Bonavita to the Agawam Town Council.

As a practicing attorney, Anthony has the training and experience to think issues through in a logical and decisive manner before rendering a decision. He has served in several capacities in various social and youth organizations in Agawam, has excellent interpersonal skills, and has a demonstrated record of building consensus on issues of importance.

Anthony supports additional recreation areas, the construction of a new DPW garage, and the expansion of the Agawam Public Library and Senior Center. I firmly believe that we need to scrutinize the qualifications of our potential elected officials as we would if we were hiring them to work in our own business.

I would hire Anthony C. Bonavita, and I urge the voters to do the same by voting for Anthony C. Bonavita for City Council on November 2nd. Truly a positive voice for Agawam.

Very truly yours,
Ron LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

Cohen Has What It Takes To Be Our Next Mayor**To The Editor:**

I am writing this letter on behalf of my entire family. We believe strongly that Rich Cohen has what it takes to become one of the best mayors of Agawam.

Rich Cohen has been an important part of our lives for the past 10 years now. He has great compassion for his friends and family and will continue to show that compassion in helping the Town of Agawam to become a better place.

Our family will work hard helping Rich throughout this campaign in any way possible. His fresh, new ideas are just what this town needs. Since Rich Cohen is a dedicated person, he will work very hard to accomplish all the goals this community sets for him.

In response to all the badmouthing and negativity in *The Advertiser* lately, we are simply disgusted. It is truly shocking that people need to stoop to those levels.

When November 2nd comes around, just remember, **vote RICH COHEN for Mayor**. We surely will!!!

Sincerely,
The Pavelcsyk Family
Agawam

Cohen Will Provide A Fresh Beginning For Agawam**To The Editor:**

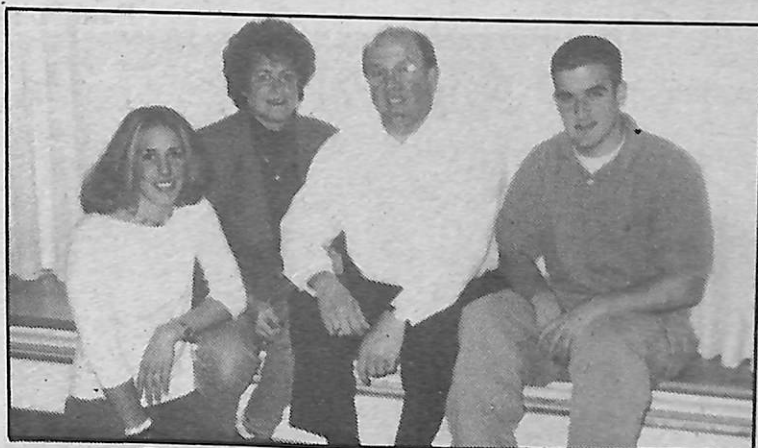
As the final days of the election draw closer, I feel there are some loose ends to tidy up.

The "Cohen for Mayor" committee has never at-

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A POSITIVE VOICE FOR AGAWAM**ANTHONY C. BONAVITA FOR COUNCIL**

Franca, Adele, Anthony, and Carlo

- 46 Yrs.-Old, Married, Wife Adele
- Both Children, Carlo And Franca, Graduated From Agawam High School
- Attorney At Bonavita, Walsh & Fogarty
- Past President And Present Member Of Board Of Directors Of Agawam Lions Club
- Former Youth Soccer And Basketball Coach

VOTE Attorney Anthony C. BONAVITA COUNCIL

Committee To Elect Anthony C. Bonavita
John O'Brien, Chairman
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• Soft Beverages &
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• Kids' Games

• Hap Kido
Demonstration
By "Master
Mike"

Magic Show:
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Magician
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tacked, or ever will attack, Don Rheault personally. Any statements or advertising by our committee have been based on fact and his previous record. We make no statements about his views, only enlighten the public to recognize his past.

We did not take the photos of his Primary Day party, nor did we reprint them. We simply stated that we came into this election with no endorsements and no previous connections with any organization; hence, our slogan... "Fresh blood and clean slate."

Some people have commented that our statement of a "clean slate" is being interpreted to mean that Agawam employees will be replaced by other people. **That is not the concept.** Anyone that knows Rich Cohen understands that he believes in loyalty and he has a strong commitment to those who have served or are currently serving this community.

We have tried very hard to run a low budget, high visibility campaign, and have tried to organize a formal debate for the good of the town. Unfortunately, the other group could not change or modify their schedule to accommodate the debate.

We offered late night or early morning times, but all efforts were unsuccessful. The only opportunity we had to be publicly viewed at the same time with Mr. Rheault was at the Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum.

Anyone who witnessed that forum was impressed with Rich Cohen's preparation and spontaneity in answering the questions.

For being the first time in a political magnifying glass, Rich Cohen was indeed the diamond in the rough.

I only hope that the citizens of Agawam get out and vote on Election Day for a fresh, new beginning and a clean slate ... vote Rich Cohen for Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Daubmann
Campaign Manager

Councilor George Bitzas Has Definitely Earned Our Respect

To The Editor:

If there is one individual that deserves to be on the Agawam City Council, it is **George Bitzas**. George is a man of integrity who fights for the common good of Agawam and its citizens. I have known George, the person, for over a decade and there is no doubt that he is an exemplary individual who takes the city's concerns to heart.

If you know any or all of George's three children, you would realize that they are such positive reflections of George and his wonderful wife, Peggy, a teacher in the Agawam School System. All of us should feel good that we have such a responsible person as George Bitzas willing to continue to serve Agawam and its citizens. He has accomplished much for this city and would like to continue to accomplish more.

These are significant times for all of us. George has earned our respect in supporting him for another term on the City Council. Let's have George's positive leadership take us into the next millennium. On November 2, 1999, please cast your ballot in favor of George Bitzas for City Council.

Andrew & Susan Jorgensen
Agawam

Agawam Has Moved Forward Because Of Don Rheault

To The Editor:

I feel that the very negative and very misleading ad by Richard Cohen in your newspaper last week needs to be responded to. Mr. Cohen ignored his own rules against negative campaigning. Mr. Cohen will damage the reputations of good, former elected officials, then make hypocritical statements about the great place they created for him to move to from Longmeadow.

In his ad, Cohen accuses Don Rheault of firing managers such as Reid Charles. Does Cohen know so little about our form of government that he doesn't know it took eight votes, *including then-Councilor Christopher Johnson's*, for the City Council to fire Mr. Charles?

Does he also know so little he is not aware that one of the reasons Charles was fired was because he (Charles) was illegally using our town treasury as his personal bank and bouncing checks? Because of this, Don also realized that it was a time for change and led the fight for a mayor. What would you have done, Mr. Cohen?

Cohen, in his ad, said that Don Rheault presided over some of the worst councils in our history. How would he know? He was living in Longmeadow and the council meetings weren't televised. Perhaps he remembers reading something in the newspapers 12 years ago.

Furthermore, if Don was so bad as a council president, how come seven completely different councils voted for him as president? During the time that Don was out of politics, the council was truly a laughing stock.

However, since Don was put back on the council, and immediately elected president, there has been no squabbling and the council has been the smoothest-run council since having a mayor. Because of Don's leadership and experience, Agawam has been moving forward.

When Mr. Cohen talks about taking a step backward, he must be referring to himself.

Thank you,
Peter Longo
Agawam

Don Rheault Should Be Agawam's Next Mayor

To The Editor:

Don Rheault not only deserves to be our mayor, he should be our mayor!

Don has worked selflessly, never asking for material or financial gain to serve the people and taxpayers of Agawam for many, many years. His honesty and experience in running the affairs of a town like ours is very rare in today's society.

He has almost singlehandedly bonded the office of mayor and the council to the point where we have one of the cheapest tax rates around.

I feel one of the biggest accomplishments that could be bestowed upon him, is the fact that our state senator, Linda J. Melconian, is backing him for mayor. This means she will work with him as a team, and it sure is nice to have a friend in the State House! This is where Don's experience is going to make the difference.

I have lived in Agawam my entire life and I haven't seen the council and the mayor's office working harmoniously together as it has in the past few years with Don Rheault's and Mayor Johnson's leaderships. I personally don't want to see anything changed now, and this is why I'm voting for Don Rheault and not someone who has "zero" experience running our town!!!

Bill Pelley
Feeding Hills

Let's Re-Elect George Bitzas To The Town Council

To The Editor:

I have known Councilor George Bitzas and his family for many years. I have always been and continue to be one of his strongest supporters.

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ELECT KENT SERVIS CITY COUNCIL



- * Former Council President — Provided Dignified And Even-Handed Leadership
- * 100% Record On Senior And Elder Issues
- * 100% Record On Public Safety
- * 100% Record On Education Issues
- * Voted For And Supported Stable Tax Rates

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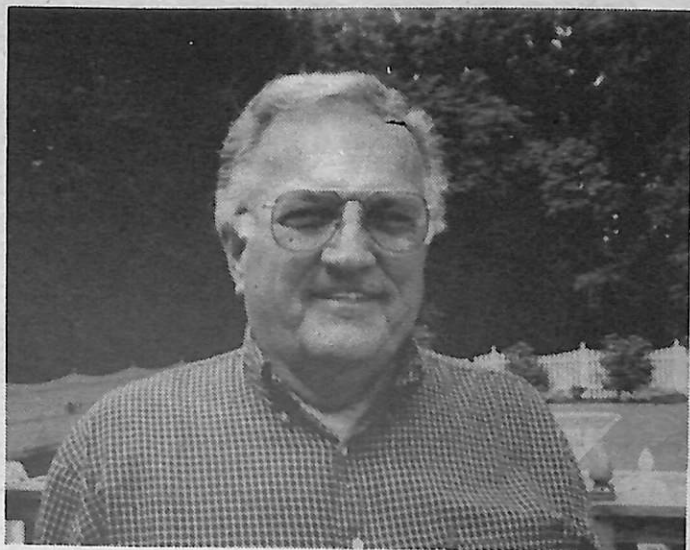
- Extend Sanitary Sewers To All Of Agawam
- Repair The Sidewalks And Roads
- Build The New DPW Garage
- Provide Recreation Programs For Our Youth

On Election Day, Please Invest One Of Your 11 Votes For Council With

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Don Rheault's Top "10" Mayor Questions...

Question No. 10: Which candidate has a public record you can judge?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 9: Which candidate owns his own business in Agawam?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 8: Which candidate has always voted to fully fund the Education Budget?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 7: Which candidate has 16 yrs. experience scrutinizing city budgets?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 6: A mistake during contract negotiations could cost Agawam millions. Which candidate has a better understanding of Town Departments?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 5: Which candidate is more likely to obtain state funding for Agawam?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 4: Which candidate sponsored the original resolution to take county-owned land for open space?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 3: Six different councils placed their trust and confidence in this candidate to lead them as their council president?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 2: Which candidate can better protect us from the environmental hazards of Berkshire Power?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

Question No. 1: Which candidate clearly is the most qualified?
☐ Opponent / ☒ **Don Rheault**

WHY TAKE A RISK?

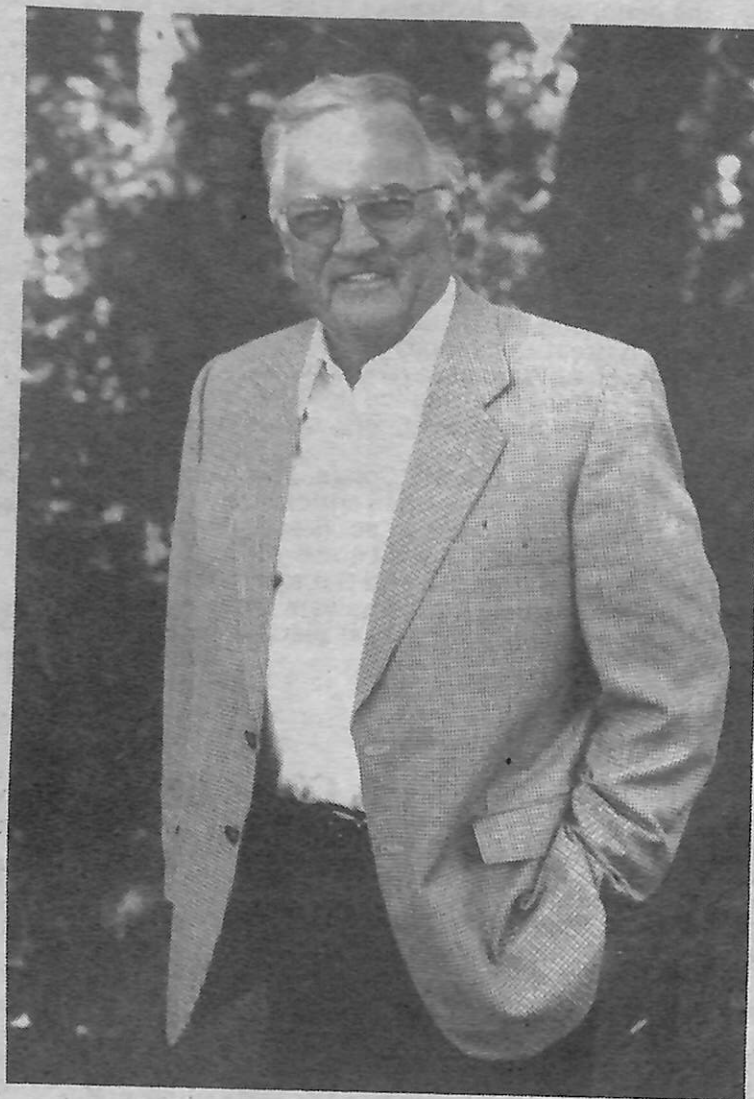
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For transportation to the polls, call our headquarters at 789-5942.

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Open Letter to My Opponent:

“Last week, your campaign changed direction and made a choice to go negative.”

“Agawam’s been down that road before, and I will not take us there again!”

“Good luck to you and your campaign.”

Sincerely,

**Don Rheault
Candidate for Mayor**

LETTERS - from Page 15...

Although we have had different opinions on a few of the issues, I respect Councilor Bitzas' decisions. He is a very different politician who separates himself from the typical politicians. He is an honest man who works for the best interest of our town and not for his own interests. His actions throughout these past years are proof of this.

George has accomplished much during his time on the council. He was instrumental in Agawam's efforts to regain the land that had been taken by the county some years ago. He has voted for and supported lower taxes for homeowners and businesses without reducing our services. George supports the elderly and gives their issues his careful attention. He is an advocate for our children and education.

Councilor Bitzas has earned my support and deserves to be re-elected. I respectfully ask you to vote for Councilor Bitzas on November 2nd.

Sincerely,
Vincent Callahan
Agawam

Magovern Has Made Focused And Energetic Contributions

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to write in praise of Robert Magovern and to state my satisfaction with regard to his focused and energetic contributions to the Town of Agawam.

Within the context of his position as City Council vice president, Bob has handled his responsibilities purposefully and with a great deal of solid, practical, analytical thought and affirmative action.

Bob is a councilor that the people have access to. His response is timely and considerate.

Respectfully,
Peggy Taylor
Agawam

Richard Cohen's Clean Slate Is Really An "Empty Plate"

To The Editor:

In his recent ad, Rich Cohen said he represents Agawam's future and has fresh ideas and a clean slate.

Evidently his future for Agawam is a return to

muddling and false promises, because he has no experience. In fact, I am still waiting for him to tell us his new ideas and where he stands on all the major issues. Instead of a clean slate, it looks like Cohen is giving us an empty plate.

Mr. Cohen talks of bringing enthusiasm and professional leadership to the mayor's office. Is his enthusiastically negative and misleading ad an indication of his professionalism, or is he planning on returning to old-time politics as he describes it?

Finally, Cohen wants to work hard to make Agawam the best place to live. According to Cohen, Agawam IS the best place to live. He also forgets that the people he calls old-time politicians are the very same ones that made Agawam such a great community.

In fact, at Wednesday's Candidates' Forum, Mr. Cohen, after criticizing the political leaders in office prior to his moving here, called Agawam the best place to live.

You confuse me, Mr. Cohen. You call Agawam the best place to live, then criticize and sling mud at those who made it so great. Perhaps you should look back on what some of those running for office today such as Ed Caba and Don Rheault have done to help make Agawam great, and thank them for giving you the best place to move.

Thank you,
Dean Harrison
Agawam

Be Sure To Cast One Of Your Votes For John Negrucci

To The Editor:

To The Voters Of Agawam:

I am writing this letter to support the re-election of John Negrucci to the Agawam City Council. I have known John for over 20 years, both personally and professionally.

When I became a member of the Board of Health in 1985, John was chairman. We worked together on the Bondi's Island Incinerator public hearing process and he has, as a City Councilor, been one of my most supportive councilors on those issues that have affected the public health issues that I have had to deal with over the last 15 years.

John understands the pulse of the community and has responded to the people of Agawam, where they requested his help. This extensive record of community involvement speaks for itself.

He truly does care about our city and those things that can make a difference for all of us.

If you have talked to John, read his articles on those things that he feels strongly about and, in general, know the man, you'll feel very comfortable casting one of your votes for him on Election Day.

I am proud to support his re-election and proud to call him "friend."

Respectfully,
F. William Euliano, Jr.
Feeding Hills

Agawam Would Benefit If Rheault Was Elected Mayor

To The Editor:

I am voting for Don Rheault. I have watched Don at town meetings and he conducts himself like a perfect gentleman.

I think the whole town would benefit if Don were mayor.

Edward Filkoski
Agawam

Bitzas Seeks The Support Of The Voters On Election Day

To The Editor:

As your City Councilor, I have, with the help of others, worked hard to clean up many of the eyesores in our neighborhoods and improve the appearance of many businesses.

If I am re-elected, I will continue my efforts with the Beautification Committee, local businesses, and other volunteers to ensure that Agawam remains a beautiful place to live.

As our city grows, we must be sure of the direction we wish it to follow. Last year, as chairman of the Licensing Committee, I successfully introduced an ordinance to reduce the number of used car dealerships so that we can maintain Agawam's small-town character.

I have been part of the change from Agawam's past politics and I would like to carry on with these positive changes into the 21st century. With your support and your vote on November 2nd, we can do it together.

George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

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RE-ELECT

Roberta G. Doering
for
School Committee



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"I believe the most important goal that we have is trying to give all students the necessary tools for learning — the capacity to read, write, communicate, and comprehend."

"We should aim for turning out young women and young men with a broad view of history, an understanding of mathematics and science, and a sense of the economic, social, and legal issues which affect life today."

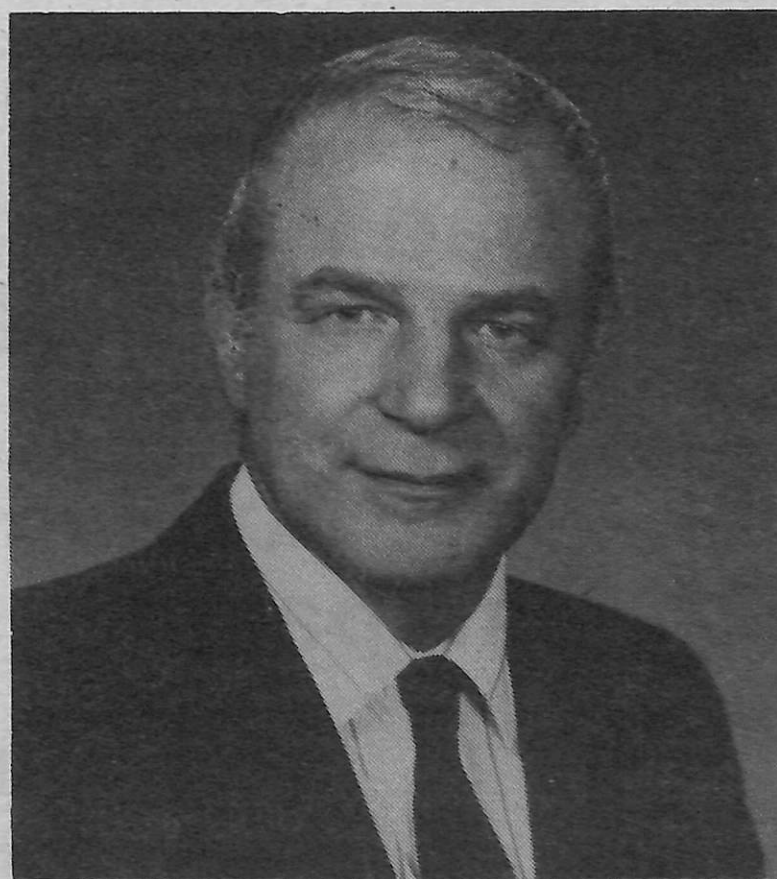
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**RE-ELECT
LOU MASSOIA
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**



**EXPERIENCED, HONEST,
DEDICATED, HARD WORKING**

VOTE NOVEMBER 2, 1999

LETTERS - from Page 18...

Bitzas Believes Agawam Should Retain Small-Town Character

To The Editor:

To The People Of Agawam:

It has been my privilege to have been elected by you five times to serve on our Town Council. I consider this a very great honor. I have done my best to serve you with honesty, integrity, dedication, and common sense. I am proud of what I have accomplished.

Today, I am asking you again for your help in being re-elected to our Town Council. With your support, I am looking forward to continuing my work for the betterment of Agawam. I pledge to you, the citizens of our community, that I will continue to serve you fairly and to work for the best interest of our town.

I will support our schools, our athletic programs, athletic fields, veterans' issues, improved town services, a new DPW, and the expansion of our Senior Center. As Agawam continues to grow, it is important to maintain our small-town character.

Please vote November 2nd. Pull Lever 11A. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

George Bitzas

Agawam City Councilor

Rheault's Committee Frowns Upon Negative Campaigning

To The Editor:

The Committee to Elect Don Rheault Mayor would like to set the record straight concerning our willingness to participate in a candidates' debate.

While our opponent expressed a "willingness" to debate, our campaign actually took the bull by the horns and made it a reality.

We do not appreciate the attempts by our opponent to portray us as evasive. We welcome any opportunity to promote "Don Rheault For Mayor" because we are proud of his record of public service. Quite frankly, we are tired of all the gimmicks, innuendo, and other campaign tricks that our opponent is using as a substitute for a campaign with real substance.

With one short week remaining until Election Day, we will "stay the course" in running a

positive, informative, and comparative style campaign. Rumor, innuendo, and negative ads will never be a part of our campaign style or strategy.

Don and all who are part of his campaign agree that Agawam has suffered enough from this type of campaigning and he refuses to take part in it.

Sincerely,

Peter & Korby Clark

Co-Managers, Don Rheault For Mayor Campaign

You Will Not Be Disappointed If You Re-Elect George Bitzas

To The Editor:

I am always reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*, especially during the election period. It does help us make our decision for which candidate we will cast our vote.

I was very impressed with George Bitzas' accomplishments and his hard work. He is the most active councilor with proven leadership, competence, and dedication. I supported George in the past and I am going to support him again. We need to have councilors like George; energetic, honest, and enthusiastic to work for the best interest of our city.

George earned my and my family's support for another term. I hope you will also give him your support by casting your ballot for George Bitzas. You will not be disappointed.

Please vote on Election Day - November 2, 1999.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Gallerani

Feeding Hills

Mayoral Candidate Richard Cohen Is A "Blank Slate"

To The Editor:

Mayoral candidate Richard Cohen has asked his supporters to display red and white ribbons which represent a clean slate. Look closely and these ribbons represent a lack of substance.

Mr. Cohen cites work experience at STCC and claims to routinely manage millions of dollars as grants compliance officer. However, the personnel office there reports no such position.

STCC does have a grants coordinator, but this position is held by someone else and not Mr. Cohen. He also calls himself the veterans' administrator. Again, this position is held by someone else and not Mr. Cohen.

Hearsay? This is public information at STCC, funded by your tax dollars and available to anyone

with little effort. Mr. Cohen's actual title is "staff assistant," but I never see it mentioned in his campaign literature. He has worked at STCC for 15 years and often functions as an education counselor.

Mr. Cohen has pledged to work hard as mayor. Again, there's no substance. His record of public service in town is zero - there is none. Although he's lived here for 12 years, he's not a go-getter or activist by anyone's definition.

Yes, he's a clean slate, but more accurately, he's a blank slate. Behind the ribbons and misinformation, there is little to be found.

James Marmo
Agawam

Candidate Stieg Urges Change On Town's School Committee

To The Editor:

To The Citizens Of Agawam:

Our town is made up of responsible and educated people with good common sense. Common sense should tell us we need a change on our School Committee.

Can we really afford to chance our High School being put on probation or getting a warning again or losing our accreditation?

We are at the crossroad. It is now up to the citizens to decide which direction we take in our children's education. Let's move forward and be proud of our school system and expect nothing less than excellence.

I would appreciate one of your six votes for School Committee on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Karl Stieg

Candidate For School Committee

Bitzas Will Continue To Work On Behalf Of Town's Citizens

To The Editor:

I am an elderly person living all my life in Agawam. I am a veteran, a taxpayer, and a voter.

I only cast votes after seriously researching the background, platforms, qualifications, and performance of a candidate.

I know that one councilor, George Bitzas, has earned my support with his performance and accomplishments as a City Councilor. We all really know who Councilor Bitzas is. His actions and

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Please Vote to Re-Elect Your City Councilor GINA-MARIE LETELLIER

GOALS FOR NEXT TERM

- ★ Establish Public Safety Commission
- ★ Accreditation of Public Schools
- ★ New Dept. of Public Works Garage
- ★ Library and Sr. Center Expansion
- ★ Sidewalk Repaving
- ★ Maintain Respectful Debate of Issues

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

- ★ Chair, Zoning Subcommittee
passed Adult Zoning Ordinance
- ★ Chair, Zoning Review Task Force
working with citizens and businesses to update current zoning
- ★ Public Safety Budget Committee
review Police and other department budget
- ★ Licensing Committee
enforcement of licensing ordinances

Thank-You For Your Support!

If you want to volunteer on Election Day or need A ride to the polls to vote, call 786-4723.

LETTERS - from Page 19...

achievements speak for themselves. He is a hard-working individual who really cares for the people of this town.

He is a councilor with proven competence, honesty, integrity, cooperation, and common sense. He deserves our votes. I hope that with our votes we can re-elect Councilor Bitzas and let him continue his good work for the benefit of our town.

Sincerely,
Pietros Cockoros
Agawam

Bitzas Is One Public Servant Who Deserves Re-Election

To The Editor:

It's that time again when we have to stand up and be counted and recognize those public servants that you feel are doing a good job and should be returned to office.

I have known George Bitzas for over 20 years and I know where he stands, particularly when it comes to veterans, their families, and the protection of our flag.

I ask that all veterans and their families go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2nd and VOTE to RE-ELECT Councilor George Bitzas.

Well-earned, well-deserved. "Let George Do It," and he will.

Peter E. Pappas, WW II Veteran
Director/Agent, Veterans' Services
Palmer, MA

Does A Candidate Need To Have Been Born In Agawam?

To The Editor:

In regards to Richard Dupuis' letter regarding Rich Cohen's allegiance to Agawam, since when is it a prerequisite to be born in a town in order to run for office?

George Washington did a great job ... just think, he wasn't even born in the United States!

Rielly Longtin, Feeding Hills
(A kid for a better community.)

ADVERTISER NEWS

— Check our classifieds —

Ready For Election Day, Nov. 2nd...



AGAWAM POLL WORKERS Jeannette Ouellette, Bunny Wilson, and Dale Melanson assist voter Kathy Schafer (far right) on Primary Day (October 5th). This Tuesday, November 2nd, the polls will be open once again, and all of the voters in Agawam and Feeding Hills are urged to participate in the election process. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 at: 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the

LEGAL NOTICE

petition of DECKER & COMPANY, INC., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of the existing facility into a convenience store/gas station at the premises identified as: 1 RIVER ROAD.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

Published: November 4, 1999

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Remember to Vote on November 2 for



**Teresa
Kozloski**

School Committee

Working for the best possible school district

New Year's Eve

**POLISH AMERICAN CLUB
139 SOUTHWICK ST.(RT.57)
FEEDING HILLS, MA.**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

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\$40.00 PER PERSON

MUSIC TO THE MAX

BAR OPENS at 6:P.M.

Hors D'oeuvres

DINNER AT 8 P.M.

Prime Ribs or Scrod

Salad -Baked Potato-Vegetable Medley

Noise Makers & Hats

CHAMPAGNE

Midnight Coffee and Dessert-

**REMEMBER: BINGO- TUESDAY -
NIGHTS AT - 6:45 p.m.**

Campaign '99

Don Rheault States Why He's Seeking The Office Of Mayor

"I was asked an interesting question the other day by one of my own campaign volunteers," said Don Rheault, candidate for mayor, in a press statement this week.

"They asked, 'Don, why, after years of public service, do you still want all the hassles of politics?'"

"My answer was simple. Because I love politics. You see, when this person thought of the word 'politics,' they thought of the negative. They thought of 'all the hassles.' When I think of the word 'politics,' I think of things more positive. I think of helping people and our community, of trying to make Agawam a better place.

"People know that I have experience in politics and some are trying to take advantage of the 'negative.' They want the word 'politics' to conjure up negative images in your mind," Rheault said.

"No matter what the campaign slogans may be, I believe my actions speak louder than words. What I've done in my life is what's inside of my heart. It's what's important to me. It's where I've invested my time and my energies.

"If you really want to know what kind of mayor Don Rheault would be, then I invite you to take a close look at my life. Look closely and you'll see a commitment to my family - wife, children, and grandchildren. You'll see a simple lifestyle. You'll see involvement in our community through volunteerism and activism. And finally, you'll see a love of Agawam and its people; a love of a place that we call our home.

"As you head to the polls on November 2nd, please remember that even though we may not always agree, my actions are always motivated by what I believe in my heart is best for Agawam. This is my pledge, this is my promise.

"Thank you for your consideration," concluded Rheault.

Cohen's Schedule Of Appearances

Mayoral candidate Rich Cohen has announced the following dates and times of scheduled appearances arranged to give the public the opportunity to meet him.

Friday, October 29th, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., Polish Club.

Saturday, October 30th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rocky's Hardware parking lot.

Sunday, October 31st, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rocky's Hardware parking lot.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to personally meet your "NEW" mayoral candidate.

Be Sure To Vote On Nov. 2nd...



ALTHOUGH THE TURNOUT on Primary Day (October 5th) was small, the turnout for Election Day (November 2nd) is expected to be considerably higher. These people were busy counting the ballots on Primary Day: top photo — Carolyn Widmer, Judith Beauregard, Town Clark Richard Theroux, and Ron Bennett; bottom photo — Barbara Dunn, Judith Beauregard, and Mary Hunter. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



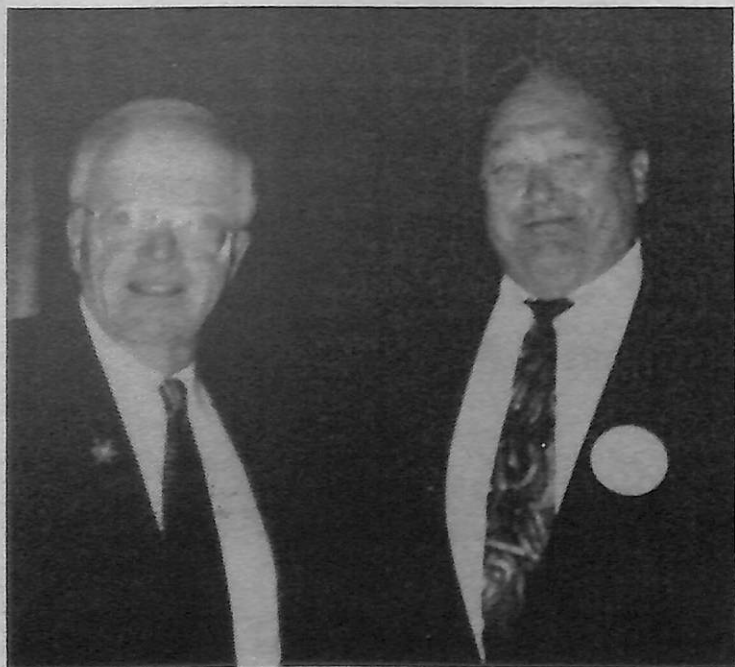
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Sheriff Mike Ashe Endorses Stan Chmielewski for Agawam Town Council

- I have known Stan Chmielewski for more than 25 years professionally and as a personal friend.
- Stan has always had the welfare of the people of Agawam at heart.
- Stan will bring a unique perspective to the office of Town Councilor. His years as a department head and a police officer will insure a knowledgeable councilor.
- I enthusiastically support Stan's candidacy and encourage all Agawam voters to support Stan as well.

Mike Ashe
High Sheriff of Hampden County



Paid for by the Committee to Elect Stan Chmielewski, Agawam Town Council.

Campaign '99 - continued...



DON RHEAULT AND SHERIFF MICHAEL ASHE

Sheriff Michael Ashe Endorses Don Rheault For Mayor Of Agawam

Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe has endorsed Council President Donald Rheault in his bid to be Agawam's next mayor.

In a press statement released this week, Ashe said, "Donald has been a great leader and a person of the highest character. He truly exemplifies a man of integrity, dedication to his wonderful family, and to the Town of Agawam."

"His involvement over the years in civic associations, several years of working with the youth of Agawam as a coach and leader of athletic associations, his dedication to his church, and the many years of public service to the Town of Agawam certainly make it easy for me to say, I proudly endorse his candidacy."

"Agawam is indeed fortunate," Ashe said, "to have a man so qualified to be the next mayor."

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation...

Town Of Agawam's Official Ballot

MAYOR

For a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 2002.

Vote for ONE

RICHARD A. COHEN 47 Alexander Drive.
DONALD M. RHEAULT 536 Mill Street.
Council President, Veteran.

CITY COUNCIL

For a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 2002.

Vote for ELEVEN

BOB E. ROSSI 44 Colemore Street.
GINA M. LETELLIER 150 Maple Street.
Candidate for Re-Election, Chairman Democratic Town Committee.
KENT SERVIS 48 Kathy Terrace.
LOUIS J. RUSSO 70 Highland Street.
Veteran, Many Agawam Civic and Charitable Organizations.
RICHARD C. MORASSI 206 Maynard Street.
JILL SIMPSON 24 Pleasant Valley Road.
Candidate for Re-Election.
GEORGE BITZAS 33 Fernwood Drive.
Candidate for Re-Election, Chairman Ordinance Committee
DENNIS J. PERRY 466 North West Street.
Candidate for Re-Election.
ANTHONY C. BONAVIDA 683 Cooper Street.
WALTER A. MEISSNER, JR. 655 Springfield Street.
JOSEPH MINEO 30 Kathy Terrace.
JOHN J. NEGRUCCI 35 Hayes Avenue.
Candidate for Re-Election.

GARY F. GEIGER 33 Zachary Lane.
Candidate for Re-Election.

STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI 88 Plantation Drive. Retired Police Chief, Veteran.

EDWARD A. CABA 108 Walnut Street.
Candidate for Re-Election.

ROBERT M. YOUNG 216 South Westfield Street. Candidate for Re-Election, Chairman Rules Committee.

MICHAEL J. DELNEGRO 28 Losito Lane.
Democratic Town Committee.

ROBERT A. BOB MAGOVERN 144 Birch Hill Road. Candidate for Re-Election.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 2002.

Vote for SIX

MELISSA A. FRAGA 52 Garden Street.

ROSEMARY SANDLIN 90 Granger Drive.
Candidate for Re-Election, Democrat.

TERESA KOZLOSKI 102 Meadow Street.
Candidate for Re-Election. Secretary of School Committee.

KARL H. STIEG 24 Edgewood Lane.

SUSAN A. PETTAZZONI 116 Granger Drive.
Candidate for Re-Election.

ROBERTA DOERING 915 River Road.
Candidate for Re-Election.

LINDA M. GALARNEAU 24 Sycamore Terrace. Candidate for Re-Election.

LOUIS E. MASSOIA, JR. 6 Sequoia Drive.
Candidate for Re-Election.

MICHAEL F. MARTIN 35 Anvil Street.

SUSAN R. DAWSON 21 Alexander Drive.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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The Agawam Democratic Town Committee

Chairperson: Gina M. Letellier
Vice Chair: Michael Tuckey
Treasurer: Jack Rioni
Secretary: Louis J. Russo

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee endorses the following candidates and asks that the voters of Agawam cast their ballots for them in the upcoming elections.

MAYOR:

Donald M. Rheault

CITY COUNCIL:

Edward A. Caba
Stanley J. Chmielewski
Michael Del Negro
Gina M. Letellier
Joseph Mineo
Robert E. Rossi
Kent Servis
Richard Morassi
Louis J. Russo

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Robert Doering
Teresa Kosloski
Louis E. Massoia, Jr.
Rosemary Sandlin

Please Remember To Vote On Tuesday, November 2nd, And Please Vote For Democratic Candidates

Elect

Sue Pettazzoni

Agawam School Committee

"Because She Cares"

Created the
Academic "A"
Program
to recognize student
academic achievement

Supported the
development and
implementation of the
NEW Pre-K to Grade 12
CURRICULUM

Supported 10% Increase
in teacher staff to
REDUCE CLASS SIZES &
IMPROVE STUDENT
LEARNING

Supported the
construction of new
ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS
to all 4 Elementary Schools &
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Bitzas Stresses His Support Of Our Veterans

"During my years serving as your City Councilor, I have always been a strong supporter of our veterans," said George Bitzas in a press statement. "As a veteran, a second lieutenant in the Greek army, I believe we should help and honor those who have served our country."

"I vigorously supported and lobbied for an increase in the property tax exemption for veterans' organizations. Now the American Legion and the VFW are fully tax exempt. When the state tried to close the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, I sponsored a resolution opposing the closing. I also helped to organize a large rally in Boston where we lobbied the state government to support our veterans and their issues."

"With Mayor Johnson and our Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, I co-sponsored a resolution supporting acceptance of the donation of 57 acres of land to be used as a veterans' cemetery here in Agawam. When I learned there were some problems in Boston concerning the appropriate place for the cemetery, I began circulating a petition throughout Western Massachusetts encouraging the Legislature in Boston to build the cemetery here."

"Hundreds of citizens signed the petition and convinced the Legislature to appropriate the money for the cemetery in Agawam. Thanks to the hard work of many local and state officials, our veterans' cemetery has been started."

"I was very proud and honored to be chosen," Bitzas said, "a few years ago by the State of Massachusetts American Legion as the 'Outstanding Foreign Born Citizen.' I received this award for supporting veterans and their causes at the cemetery in Auburn, Mass."

"As your councilor, I will continue to support the veterans and their issues. I feel it is our duty and privilege as citizens to appreciate and actively sustain our fellow countrymen who have given so much of themselves for us. Please vote on November 2nd. Pull lever 11A. I would greatly appreciate your vote."

If Elected, Russo Will Donate Pay Raise

In a campaign statement released this week, City Council candidate Louis Russo said, "I believe a good public servant should not only support things that are beneficial to everyone, but also speak out and vote against issues or proposals which could be harmful to the community. Therefore, a good representative should welcome being judged by the good things that he or she has done, as well as the bad things that he or she has prevented. I am willing to be judged on my long and positive record of doing just that."

"I also believe that every person running for office should do it because they care about their community and not for an additional paycheck. I feel strongly about this and am a person who is willing to stand behind anything I say or do."

"Thus, if elected, I WILL RETURN THE RECENT COUNCIL PAY RAISE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY DONATING IT TO ELDERLY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. Some may question why I would do this. Why should they? The records will

show that I have spent many years giving to my community and asking nothing in return. Why should I start asking now?"

"For all my adult life, I have been involved in our community in some way. I have held elected and appointed positions; I have been, and still am, a volunteer for many educational, youth, and elderly programs; and I am an active member of many charitable and civic organizations in Agawam. I have readily offered my time, experience, resources, and compassion in nearly all areas of community life."

"I have never asked for anything because I have always liked helping people. The good feeling I get has always been pay enough for me. Therefore, being elected to the council is another way for me to continue giving back to our community."

"I ask that I be allowed the opportunity to continue helping by being elected to the council," concluded Russo.

Magovern Welcomes Volunteers

The Magovern Committee has announced that volunteers are welcome to help hold signs on Election Day.

Bob Magovern said, "Being at the polls on Election Day is a good time to meet your neighbors and be a part of the Election Day process."

Polls are open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer one hour, two hours, or all day, please call Peggy Magovern, campaign chairman, at 789-0171.

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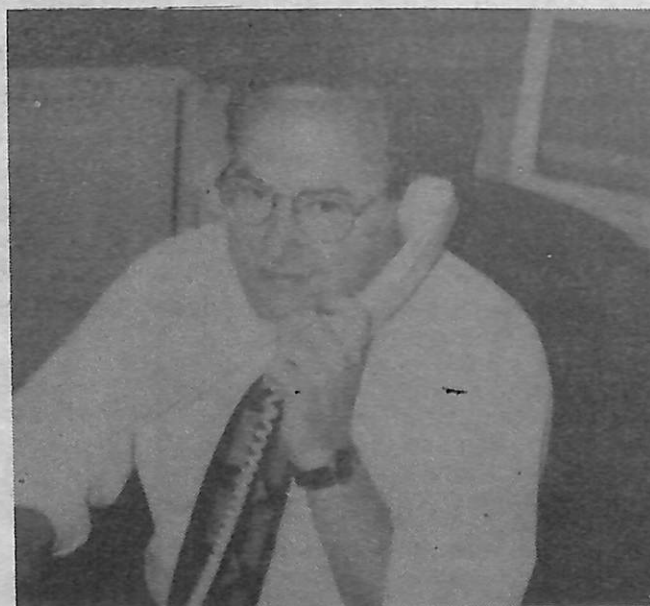
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Council Vice-President Robert Magovern Looks To The Future

In a campaign statement released this week, Robert Magovern, Vice-President of the City Council, outlined some of his thoughts on the future of Agawam.

"The past two years as vice-president of the City Council have been very gratifying. To be able to work with the other councilors and offer some of my leadership in order to enact legislation for the Town of Agawam has been a great privilege."

Some of Magovern's other points were about his desire for more recreation for our youth. "Many years ago I can remember my father, John Magovern, spending many hours working toward one of his dreams for the town — an effective YM-CA program within our own town. Many of the townspeople will remember that the Agawam Y was the group that acquired the property which is now Perry Lane Park. If it had not been for individuals like my father and others, we would not have what we have today."

"I remember the hours and days it took to build a recreation program at the time. I feel that my part today is to carry on some of the work started by those that came before me. The old saying 'You can't fight City Hall' seems all too true at times. I got involved to make the process easier for the average citizen to get things done."

Magovern has many plans for the future. Some that have not been mentioned before were his comments on improving communications. "I would like to see the council develop its own web page, which would have our agenda and other information which would be of interest to the citizens of Agawam. Part of the web page would be e-mail which would be directed to the individual councilors."

"Using cable channel 15 would also be a means of communication; holding a telephone call-in show to answer questions of public interest. By having a call-in format, it could answer some of the questions that come out in a public hearing, but without all of the formality which goes with a hearing."

Magovern also said that he has been talking with some business leaders in the telecommunications field. "For years I have said that Agawam needs a high technology park. During my first political campaign, I stressed the needs and benefits for such a development. The industrial park, which was created years ago by the Town Council, was a look into the future. That park has been an unquestionable success. There are plans now underway for a second industrial park. It is needed and with the same type of leadership in the future that we have had in the past, it will also be successful."

Magovern went on to say, "What I envision is more of a communication center that would become a major hub for the Northeast. Agawam has many distinct advantages that no other city has in Western Mass., not the least of which being the lowest tax base. People complain about what councils may or may not have done in the past, but they must have done something right or we would not have the favorable tax rates we have today."

"Taxes are only one of the plusses we have. Our proximity to the airports and major north-south

Negrucchi Discusses Fiscal Management

John J. Negrucchi, in his latest press release, stated that the additional revenues from Riverside Park and Berkshire Power shouldn't be viewed as a "windfall" or "pennies from heaven."

Negrucchi stated, "As I sat at Candidate's Night, on more than one occasion the media referred to this money as a 'windfall.' The particular question was, 'How would you spend the money?'"

"Let's just keep everything in perspective," Negrucchi said. "The additional revenues do a lot of positive things for Agawam. They help stabilize the tax rates; they let us approach our needs more aggressively, and they expand our options as we review and pass the budget each year."

"We have specific needs and prioritize projects that have to be addressed. These include a new DPW garage, library expansion, Senior Center expansion, open space utilization, street and sidewalk maintenance, and various sewer projects. Each one of these projects has to be rated and itemized according to need and priority. Now add in our most important, continual need, funding education, and you can see that these additional revenues become ordinary to the process, not the 'windfall' that some people refer to when speaking of this revenue."

"Let's stay in control, work from the strengths of our fiscal policies, and apply the money appropriately so everyone benefits from this revenue."



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and east-west highways helps. Our land costs are modest compared to many cities.

"Springfield has become a center for fiber optic lines running directly into the center of the city. I have spoken to some industry leaders that have assured me that although Springfield may have the lead, it is not beyond the realm of possibility for Agawam to become a viable option. The type of tax revenue such an industry would create would be in the millions of taxable dollars. More importantly is that it would attract all types of clean, high-tech business."

Magovern's announcement for his candidacy for re-election spelled out his belief in the best educational system possible for Agawam. In his statement, he went on to say, "The education of our students in Agawam is our most important goal. To do this we need leadership and money. Money comes from taxes and leadership comes from people. By developing future growth industries for Agawam, we attract people. The future of Agawam comes from a blending of the old with the new. Old wisdom and new ideas create a synergy that cannot be beat. I hope that we can look at all possibilities for future development to accomplish some of the objectives I have mentioned."

When asked about his council race, Magovern said, "Change for change's sake is not always best. I have made some good decisions over the last two years and have helped the town. What I have just gone over is only a fragment of what has to be done in our town. I hope that the citizens will have noticed that I have tried to do the best I can. As Robert Frost said, 'I have miles to go before I rest.' I hope I have just started. I hope that you will re-elect me to be part of a team that will lead Agawam into the 21st century," concluded Magovern.

Bonavita Offers Both A Positive Voice And Agenda

In a press release issued this week, Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for Agawam City Council, stated that he offers a positive voice and agenda for Agawam.

Bonavita stated, "Throughout this campaign, I have offered my qualifications to the voter. **Based upon my background, qualifications, commitment to Agawam, and public service, I have demonstrated how I can be a positive voice as a city councilor for Agawam.**"

Bonavita is 46 years-old and resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca. Both children have graduated from Agawam High School and attend college.

Presently, Bonavita serves as vice chairman of the Zoning Task Force and serves as a member of the Italian Sister Commission. He also has been of service to the town as a former Town Attorney.

Bonavita is a past president and present member of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Lions Club. In youth sports, he has coached youth soccer and basketball. Also, he was chairman of the Stadium Lights Committee which helped raise funds for lights at the Agawam High School stadium.

Bonavita elaborated, "The first step was offering my qualifications to the voters. At the same time, I was asking for and receiving input from them. The second step is to now let the voters know what my positive agenda will encompass."

"I believe that providing financial stability and responsibility is a key for our community. A strong financial base enables us to accomplish the goals needed for our community. Thus, we must concentrate on financial planning for the future."

"As a councilor, I will advocate against crisis reactionary management which only hurts our financial position. We cannot become complacent and must plan for the future."

"Based on the proper financial planning, we can seek to achieve the positive agenda that the voters desire. Therefore, I will support more funding for education, a new DPW garage, more recreation areas and athletic fields, expansion of the Senior Center, and expansion of the library. I would also give my assistance and support to a teen center or such club or organization to coordinate youth activities and recreation."

"I have the ability to work with other councilors and the mayor in our proper roles to be a positive voice for Agawam. Therefore, I ask for the opportunity to represent you on the council. Please consider me for one of your 11 votes."

Bonavita also expressed his appreciation to his committee members and all other supporters. His campaign committee members are John O'Brien (chairman), Adele Bonavita (treasurer), Raymond Scott, Ronald Jean, Edward Kellogg, Elaine O'Brien, Mark McCormick, Marie Kellogg, and Paul Franco.

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Jill Simpson Discusses Goals & Accomplishments

Agawam Town Councilor Jill Simpson, candidate for re-election, released the following campaign statement this week:

"Since I am running for my fourth term on the Agawam Town Council, I would first like to thank the citizens of Agawam who have supported me and to say that my first six years on the council have been both challenging and fulfilling. I believe that I have been accessible and responsive to any and all citizens who have called or approached me with a problem or question.

"I have always been willing to take a position, popular or not, and to respectfully listen to other people's opinions whether or not they happened to agree with me. I have worked hard to thoroughly research the issues and have been objective in my decisions. I am accountable to no one, and I am motivated only by the love of my family and of the town of Agawam.

"I would like to discuss some of my accomplishments and some of my goals for the next term:

Accomplishments

- After following similar issues in neighboring towns, I identified a need for an adult entertainment zoning ordinance in Agawam. I used my contacts with the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) to research the issue and to draft an ordinance that would stand up to a court challenge. I co-authored with Councilor Thompson the ordinance that was eventually passed by the council.

- I supported the ordinance to restrict location of cell phone towers as well as the ordinance for used car dealerships.

- I worked with the building inspector and the town planner to draft a temporary sign ordinance that had support of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Although it was defeated by the council three years ago during my second term, I plan to reintroduce this ordinance in the next term.

- I fully support the ban on smoking in restaurants and I was the driving force behind the new regulations for smoking on school grounds. I researched the issue and worked with the School Committee, Mayor Johnson, and the Superintendent's Office to turn my findings into the present regulation.

- As chair of the school budget subcommittee for five years, I was the first councilor to actually write a report to document the meeting discussions and recommendations of the committee.

Goals for Years 2000-2001

- Top priority is to support the mayor in his efforts to locate and build a new DPW garage. During site selection, I would like the mayor to consider the possibility of a larger municipal complex that could possibly include a new, larger Senior Center and recreational facilities in addition to the garage itself.

Kent Servis Seeks To Return To The Town Council

"Voters in Agawam are faced with several choices this election year. The race for council seats is especially crowded. Because I chose to run for mayor last election, I could not serve on the current council," said Kent Servis, candidate for Agawam Town Council, in a press statement this week. "I have not simply sat on the sidelines and ignored what is going on.

"I was sworn in to the position of Assistant Harbor Master after being appointed to the non-paying position by Mayor Johnson, and am currently working on legislation to establish special no-wake zones around marinas on the Connecticut River. Dock owners also need to get permits and the Harbor Master is the issuing authority by state law.

"I also serve as one of the founding members on the Board of Directors of the soon-to-be Agawam Boys and Girls Club.

"I am also active in such matters as bringing sewers to the rest of Agawam's property owners as was promised 20 years ago. While such things as sewers are not a glamour issue by any stretch of the imagination, it is an important issue.

"Because of things that were constructed and permitted by the town's different agencies and neglect of other things, ground water levels have risen in recent years. If your home or neighborhood is not served by sanitary sewers, you could face staggering costs in replacing your septic system and leachfield," said Servis.

"Some residents have been told that the cost of building a raised mounded system would be in excess of \$30,000!. To complicate things, state law could force you to spend that money if your system does not meet standards!

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- As a member of the Recreational Assessment Committee, and the mother of nine and 12 year-old sons, I have a keen interest in recreational opportunities afforded by our town's Parks and Recreation Department. However, recreation is not defined by youth athletics alone. We need to offer active and passive recreational activities for townspeople of all ages. My vision is to have a central, recreational center for all of Agawam's citizens. We could offer a diversity of facilities, including walking trails, a track, athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, a skate park, craft classes, etc. The Tuckahoe Turf Farm would be an ideal site for such a facility. I would investigate the possibility of establishing a recreational trust fund to which local businesses and private citizens could contribute for the sole purpose of supporting recreational facilities and activities in Agawam. In addition, Berkshire Power has committed to building athletic fields on some of their

unoccupied land. I would urge the new mayor to work with the Parks and Recreation Director to present a plan so that this project can get off the ground as soon as possible.

- I will propose funding to be included in the budget for a dedicated grant writer as a part-time or full-time position. There are existing grant opportunities that could address a number of our needs in the areas of education, recreation, public safety, facilities, etc. An experienced grant writer could pay for his or herself in a very short period of time.

"I look forward to having the opportunity to bring some of these goals to fruition. With your support at the polls on November 2nd, I promise to continue my efforts to make Agawam an even better community in which to live. Once again, thank-you for your past support and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 786-0053," concluded Simpson.

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LONG-TIME FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS Thomas Moriarty (far left), Registrar of Probate, and Donald Ashe (far right), Registrar of Deeds, with Peggy & George Bitzas at George's October 22nd reception at the Captain Charles Leonard House. This reception was a fundraiser for Bitzas' re-election to the Agawam Town Council.

Candidate Louis Russo Asks, "What Should A Good Councilor Be?"

In a press release issued this week, City Council candidate Louis Russo stated, "Everyone has an idea as to what he or she believes a good city councilor should be and what should be done while in office. I'm no different.

"I believe it is the responsibility of all councilors to insure that they subscribe to the best interest of those they are elected to serve and not to any political faction, group, or individuals, including themselves. A good councilor must serve the community's interests and not any special interest.

"Members of the city council must work together in harmony to make decisions based on factual information and honest debate. Understandably, when a group of people discuss an issue, there will be disagreements. This is as it should be, since disagreement and debate is essential if all aspects of an issue are to be brought forward.

"However, debate should be done in a friendly

way, with the purpose of determining all the facts, and then reaching an amicable and sensible agreement among those involved. Only then can the community and the citizens' best interest be served.

"Councilors must be open, straightforward, candid, and accessible to the people and among themselves. Anything less defeats the purpose of good government and forgoes the community's best interest. They must be willing to work together to find reasonable and compassionate solutions to solve any problems that arise.

"Councilors are not perfect people and should recognize and admit their limitations, and be willing to learn from each other. By doing so, I believe great things can happen for Agawam.

"Some people may consider these thoughts to be somewhat idealistic, but they are ideas that I have always tried to practice and will continue to practice if I am fortunate enough to be elected to the City Council," concluded Russo.

Bitzas Holds Successful Fundraiser At The Leonard House

A very successful reception for Councilor George Bitzas was held last Friday evening at the Captain Charles Leonard House from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Many friends and supporters came by to wish Councilor Bitzas well in his bid for re-election to the Agawam City Council.

The Bitzas family and the Committee to Re-elect George Bitzas expresses their warmest thanks and appreciation to all of the people and elected officials who came by to show their support for George.

The Bitzas family also wishes to thank all of our friends who volunteered and helped to make the event successful. We also thank everyone who was not able to attend, but have send their kind words of support.

"Please remember to vote on November 2nd. With your vote, I will continue to work hard with honesty, integrity, and professionalism in the best interest of our community and the future of Agawam. I ask you again for your vote on Election Day. Please pull lever 11A. I would greatly appreciate your vote," said Bitzas.

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"At election time, we all hear promises of this and that from politicians. The word politician has taken on such a derogatory connotation that I cringe when I hear it referring to myself.

"I will promise the voters of Agawam **ONE THING** ... a vow that I will not forget that the city known as the Town of Agawam, belongs to its citizens. That the elected officials are simply the temporary custodians of this institution.

"It is **WE THE PEOPLE** who are the owners of this government and our elected officials are there to serve the people of this community ... not the other way around.

"On Election Day, I ask that the citizens of Agawam look at my record on issues that affect them. My voting record on public safety, senior issues, and education issues is 100 percent and my support for these things will not change.

"Regardless of your choices of candidates, please cast your vote in this election. Your vote is your voice in choosing our leadership ... use it."

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Then I thought about my relationship with God. Do I treat Him the way my kids were treating me? He must be grieved at times by my insensitivity to His concerns.

Later I began looking up every passage of Scripture that mentions doing something for the Lord's sake, doing what we know pleases Him. I read about Paul, Peter, and Stephen—men who put their lives on the line for Christ's sake. For them that phrase was a way of life, not just empty words. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was even stoned and left for dead because he dared to proclaim the gospel (Acts 14:19).

I wonder how much of what I do and say is for my Lord and Savior's sake? That's a good question for all of us to ponder. —MRDII

Your mission as a Christian is to take
The cross of Christ and do His perfect will;
To love and serve the Lord for Jesus' sake—
You have no higher purpose to fulfill. —Hess

JESUS GAVE HIS ALL FOR US—
ARE WE GIVING OUR ALL FOR HIM?

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At George Bitzas's Fundraiser...



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jessie Fuller, Vincent Piliero, Councilor George Bitzas, and Jack Devine at the Captain Leonard House on Friday, October 22nd, in support of Bitzas's re-election campaign.



COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS (far left) and his wife, Peggy (third from the left), chat with supporters Mr. & Mrs. John Zebryk, Ronald LaRiviere, and Cindy Taylor at his re-election reception.

From Council Candidate Russo...

Mayor & Council Should Work In Harmony

Louis Russo, a candidate for Agawam City Council, released the following campaign statement this week:

"I believe that for local government to operate smoothly and accomplish all that is needed, there must be a friendly atmosphere between all branches of government. All members of the council should work in harmony and, in turn, work closely with the mayor, whoever he or she might be.

"There should be no deliberate actions that pit one councilor against the other, or the council against the mayor. The mayor, in turn, should not antagonize the council. There must be openness and candor between the two branches to insure that there are no misunderstandings.

"Pertinent and important information must be freely shared between all parties to insure that proper and sensible decisions are made. All elected officials should have the same goals, which are to make Agawam a better place.

"Only by working in harmony together can our elected officials succeed in achieving whatever goals are set for the betterment of Agawam. I know I will be able to work harmoniously with both the mayor and councilors, whoever they may be. I know all the present councilors, as well as all those seeking office for the first time. I know all the present School Committee members, as well as those seeking their first seat on the committee. I also know both mayoral candidates personally and like and get along very well with both of them.

"True, I may be supporting one over the other, but we are only allowed to choose one. What is important, is that I can and will be able to work together with whoever gets elected. Because of my contribution to a friendly atmosphere, I will also be contributing to a smooth-running council.

"This can only transfer to a smooth-running relationship with the mayor's office. As a result, only good things can happen to our community," concluded Russo.

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Dennis J. Perry Seeks Re-Election To The Agawam Town Council

"I'm a life-long resident of Agawam with my wife, AnnMarie, and our three daughters. My oldest, Jessica, has graduated from Agawam High and is seeking a career in the medical field. My other two daughters are Elizabeth, a tenth-grader, and Samantha, a fifth-grader. This campaign is a very special campaign for me, as I have not put my total effort into this campaign for two reasons," said Dennis J. Perry, candidate for re-election to the Agawam Town Council in a press statement this week.

"The first reason is that I lost my mom on July 6th of this year. She always told me to be honest and make my decisions on what I thought was right, and not to let others influence me. I love you, Mom. There will be a sign at the Middle School for you!

"The second issue is that on September 30th, my wife and I purchased a new home on Cambridge St. in Feeding Hills. Purchasing a new home is a very exciting time, but can be a very trying time. Moving everything you own can be very time-consuming. I have not had the time to put a full effort into this year's campaign, but you will not see me standing on the corners of our streets holding a sign, and I will not put false campaign promises in the newspaper," said Perry.

"But I will promise you, I will continue to look at every issue with a common sense approach and be an independent voice on the council. It has been a privilege to serve you as your City Councilor for the last two terms.

"Please consider me for your vote on November 2nd, a vote that will make a difference in our community's future," concluded Perry.

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A candidate for election to the Agawam

Republican Town Committee must be a registered voter in Agawam and enrolled in the Republican Party during the 90 days prior to the November 5th filing deadline.

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SUSAN DAWSON

Dawson Addresses Why She's Running For School Comm.

In a campaign statement released this week, Susan Dawson, candidate for School Committee, remarked, "The election is almost upon the City of Agawam. The voters will need to choose the best candidates for Mayor, City Council, and School Committee. This is a very exciting time for our city. Change is inevitable. Change is sometimes frightening because, good or bad, at least we know what we are getting with an incumbent."

"I am Susan Dawson and I am running for School Committee. I would represent change. I believe that this change would be positive for Agawam and its students. I have spent many years working as an educational advocate. I represent children, assuring that they receive an appropriate education."

"I have been asked, 'Why would you want to be a part of the School Committee?' My answer is simple. Last year after I advocated for a group of students here in town, a service provider stopped me in a school building. I was told that while I was able to fix the problems for the few that I represented across the city, I was only providing a Band-Aid for a much bigger problem. I was inspired by this provider to run for the School Committee to help make system-wide change."

"I have set forth the following goals for my term on the School Committee:

- I will hold the school administration accountable for opening the schools to parents and creating a friendly environment for learning and academic excellence.

- I will work to create more diverse reading programs to better meet the needs of each student.

- I will encourage revision to the Student Handbook to clearly define the discipline code and the consequences of infractions. I will work to ensure that all discipline is administered consistently.

- I will ensure that the technology needed for students to be competitive is in place.

- I will save our valuable resources and taxpayer monies by reducing the number of students who are currently *misplaced* in special education and provide them with the appropriate modifications to make them successful.

"As a School Committee member, I will expect each teacher, administrator, and parent to hold high expectations for our children. We will maximize the children's potential by creating a burning desire to learn in a respectful setting."

"If you also agree with the goals set forth above, you *must* cast one of your votes for me, Susan Dawson, by pulling Lever 34A on November 2nd," concluded Dawson.

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School Comm. Member Susan Pettazzoni Discusses Her Vision For Town's Children

School Committee Vice-Chairperson Susan Pettazzoni, candidate for re-election, released the following campaign statement this week:

"My name is Susan Pettazzoni, I reside at 116 Granger Drive with my husband, Bob, and we have three daughters, Erin, Kristen, and Stephanie, who is currently a junior in Agawam High School."

"I am proud to be allowed to tell of my intention to seek a fifth term as a member of the Agawam School Committee. I have enjoyed serving the people of Agawam since my initial election to the Committee in 1991, after serving as President of Granger Elementary and Agawam Junior High School PTO's, and I am respectfully asking for your continued support in my effort to bring about educational excellence in the Agawam Public Schools."

"My vision for Agawam's children is simple: I want to provide them with the best possible education so that they can effectively compete and succeed in today's global economy. Each child needs to become a 'lifelong learner,' each child needs respect, each child needs to be safe, and each child deserves the best we can provide for them as a community."

"I believe that my tenure on the School Committee has proven my commitment to our children. Each year, our board, along with the administration, sets goals and objectives for the coming school year. Well, I, too, have personal goals that I set for the coming year as a School Committee member and as a lifelong learner."

"Some of you may remember the Academic Letter, instituting the Heimlich Maneuver in our physical education program, and the involvement of site-based management teams in our budget process. I co-sponsored and actively worked to pass a cooperative city effort for fines for smoking on school grounds, and was instrumental in re-establishing a working relationship with the Agawam Chamber, just to name a few."



BOB & SUSAN PETTAZZONI

"A future goal, which I am currently working on, is a communication tool for our system. This will allow parents, businesses, and all of our community to communicate with the Agawam schools on all levels and vice versa."

"My involvement with the schools has been consistent. I truly believe our children's education is the key to our community's future. My platform will continue to be communication, involvement, and expression if re-elected to the Agawam School Committee."

"I respectfully ask for your vote on November 2, 1999," concluded Pettazzoni.

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LOUIS MASSOIA

Louis Massoia Seeks 13th Year On Agawam School Committee

Louis Massoia of 6 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, seeks re-election to the Agawam School Committee.

A Senior Auditor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massoia has served on the School Committee for 12 years. During his tenure on the committee, he has served on the building, enrollment study, budget, and transportation sub-committees. In addition, he has served as vice-chairperson for the Lower Pioneer Valley Board of Governors.

As an Agawam School Committee member, Massoia has been interested in financial aspects of school administration as well as special education services. He works closely with the special education department regarding out-of-district placements. He has visited many of the out-of-district programs and reviews out-of-district spending on a monthly basis.

Massoia has worked closely with the school system's Out-of-District Special Education Liaison to foster appropriate, less restrictive educational environments, such as the Valley West Satellite Program at Agawam High School, for students placed out of Agawam Public Schools. In addition, he is now working with Dr. John Brosnan on the expansion of these programs in the town.

According to Massoia, "Not only are programs like our High School satellite program extremely beneficial for our students, they are also more cost-effective. All Agawam students should receive the best types of services and programs we can provide them."

"But, we must do this in a fiscally responsible manner. Programs like our High School satellite program are educationally effective and financially responsible. Everyone benefits — the taxpayers and the students."

"The High School satellite program has been such a success. The program provides Agawam students with a high-quality education. It is a model that Agawam can really be proud of. Yet, the per student expense is half of what it would have cost us outside of Agawam."

Besides his involvement on the Agawam School Committee, Massoia is involved in other community activities. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Church, is a CCD teacher, and is involved in various youth sports programs.

Born in Springfield, Massoia has lived in Agawam most of his life. He has been married for 38 years to the former Vi Blair of Feeding Hills, and is the father of three sons: Scott, Blair, and Brett. The couple has four grandchildren.

Massoia holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, and is a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Massoia would like to encourage everyone to vote on Election Day, especially for School Committee members. He feels that, "Our children are

our future. Therefore, it is important to provide them with the best education possible.

"In order to do this, we need active, involved School Committee members who are a regular presence in our schools. I try to be involved in as many aspects of Agawam schools as possible — curriculum development, teacher concerns, athletics, budget matters, special education, etc., and would like to remain involved as a School Committee member."

In closing, Massoia would like to have everyone know of his official campaign song, as follows:

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(Tune: "Ta-Ra-Ra Boom-De-Ay")

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Ta-Ra-Ra Boom-De-Ay, Let's Vote for Lou today.
In Lou you have the one, Who really gets things done,

Ta-Ra-Ra Boom-De-Ay, Let's Vote for Lou today.
You've got six votes that's true, So let's give one to Lou,

Ta-Ra-Ra Boom-De-Ay, Let's Vote for Lou today.
And when you vote him in, The schools are bound to win,

Ta-Ra-Ra Boom-De-Ay, Let's Vote for Lou today.
So let's go all the way, With LOU MASSOIA today,
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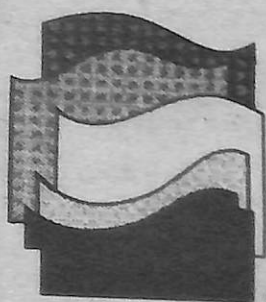
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Campaign '99 - continued...**LINDA GALARNEAU**

Linda Galarneau Seeks Re-Election To The School Committee

"As a School Committee member, I have had the privilege and honor of serving the students, parents, and community of Agawam," said Linda Galarneau, candidate for re-election to the Agawam School Committee, in a press statement this week.

"I, along with my colleagues, have worked diligently toward fulfilling our goal of bringing the best education possible to the students of Agawam.

"I am proud to say that we have made great strides and are moving in the right direction," said Mrs. Galarneau. "Once again, I am asking for your vote of confidence so that I may continue working in the best interest of all our students and reach our goal of education excellence."

Candidate Karl Stieg Stresses He's An "Agent Of Change"

"As I travel around Agawam speaking and meeting people, many questions are asked of me on a variety of educational subjects," said Karl Stieg, candidate for election to the Agawam School Committee, in a press statement.

"The one question that stands out is, 'What happened with the High School accreditation and why was this allowed to exist for the past 10 years?'"

"In the beginning of this year, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) performed the required 10-year review of our High School for accreditation. The NEASC, in their review, 'expressed concern regarding deficiencies related to the school's adherence to the Standard for Accreditation on Curriculum and found many deficiencies,' specifically in the Library and Media Center, Building Maintenance, and Curriculum and Instruction.

"Given these deficiencies," said Stieg, "the NEASC voted to place the school on warning status and requested that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by November 1, 1999, indicating how the recommendations raised have been addressed and corrected before lifting the warning status.

"Can we afford to jeopardize our children's education with inaction by our present School Committee? We need a change to insure that this will not continue and will not be a problem in the future," Stieg said.

"I will meet the challenges facing our schools to insure problem areas are addressed immediately and solved. I know that the problems cannot be solved unless we all work together to bring the best possible educational environment to our children. I will deal with the problems and do my best to correct them without wasting time. Anything less would be stealing a quality education from our children.

"I am an agent of change and I stand for higher expectations in our children's education. I will work tirelessly to achieve excellence in our schools," concluded Stieg.

State Senator Linda J. Melconian Endorses Rosemary Sandlin For School Committee

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce her endorsement of Rosemary Sandlin for Agawam School Committee.

"I have known Rosemary for over 16 years in both a professional and personal capacity. She is a caring, dedicated, and industrious individual who has the best interests of Agawam schoolchildren and parents in mind. As a lifelong resident of Agawam, a mother and grandmother, she understands the need for a strong school system with high standards for students and teachers.

"Her vision for Agawam public schools is progressive and essential to create a quality, competitive school system. Rosemary has always championed the best interests of Agawam's children and their parents. Her advocacy for implementation of all-day kindergarten, teaching tools consistent with advances in technology, and an aggressive school safety program will give students the skills they need as we enter the new millennium.

"Rosemary has a proven record of success during her four years as a School Committee member. Her efforts in soliciting donations to improve the Agawam High School library resulted in a \$1,000 contribution from The Big E. She presently holds the office of Treasurer of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and was nominated by her peers to be Vice President of MASC for the year 2000.

"Rosemary's commitment to Agawam does not end with the School Committee. She was the first woman elected President of the Agawam Rotary and is currently working to establish a Boys & Girls Club in Agawam. Her active participation in many community endeavors, combined with her knowledge of state and local government, make her an outstanding candidate for the Agawam School Committee.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER Rosemary Sandlin (left) with Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian.

"Rosemary will continue to bring a strong voice, perseverance, and resourcefulness as a member of the Agawam School Committee. I strongly urge the residents of Agawam to re-elect Rosemary Sandlin to the School Committee on November 2nd."

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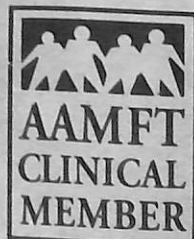
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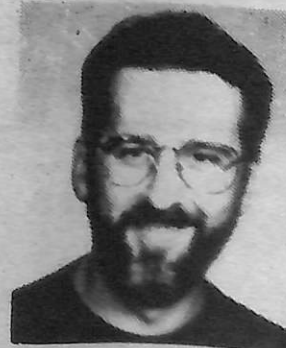
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Families

By Way Of A Computer Course...

Students & Sr. Citizens Narrow Generation Gap

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Thanks to some local ingenuity, some old-fashioned cooperation, and a grant from Bell Atlantic, nine senior citizens are being taught by six Agawam High students how to use computers.

The classes are the result of a joint effort between the Agawam Senior Center, the Agawam School System, and Career Point in Holyoke. Russ Ramah, technology facilitator for the High School, oversees the classrooms and is always available for questions.

The course is divided into two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring. The program's name is Student Elder Computer Training (SECT). Naomi Klayman, director of Programs and Development of Career Point, has seen that employers are needing to fill a niche resulting from the low rate of unemployment.

"A marketing study done by Westfield State College for Career Point indicated that older workers could be targeted to fill this need for employees. Career Point has programs and workshops for older workers, but we needed to expand. We were working with Richard Mundo (Senior Center Executive Director) and he mentioned the computer labs at Agawam High School. Career Point has only one computer lab, and it is being used to capacity."

Mundo contacted Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso and Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski. Mundo proposed that if they (the Senior Center and Career Point) could find funding for such a project, could the computer labs at the High School be used to teach them to the older workers? Zabielski and Ameruso agreed.

Mundo reasoned, "It was community funding that financed the new annex at the High School, so it seemed logical that the annex be available to the community at large."

Bell Atlantic was the first funder. "They were very enthusiastic," Klayman told us. "Out of 150 grant applications, 15 were funded and we were one of them. We hope to expand this to other communities."

Observing A Class In Action...

David Gadaire, recently appointed executive director of Career Point, joined Klayman and Mun-

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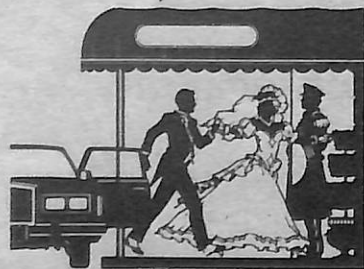
STANDING: April Roneau (mentor/AHS student). SEATED: Carol Swenor, Genevieve Theroux (Town Clerk Richard Theroux's aunt), and Kerry St. Laurent (mentor/AHS student). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MENTOR/AHS STUDENT Nick D'Angelo (standing) assists Bernie Tatro with his work on a computer. This program helps Agawam's senior citizens learn computer skills that are necessary in today's workplace. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

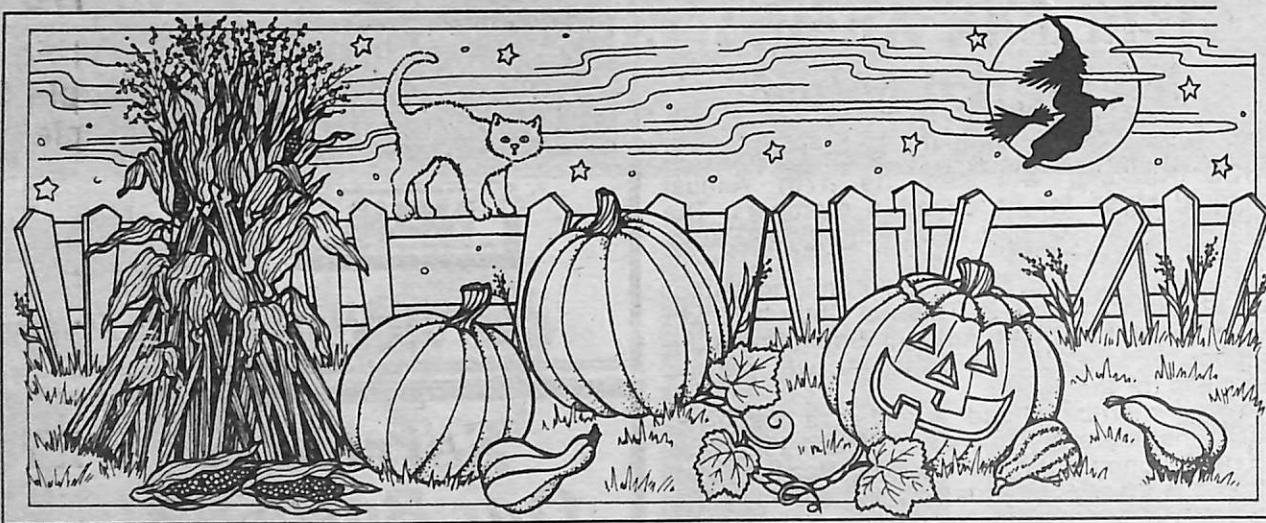
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Russ Ramah, technology facilitator for Agawam High School, goes over some points on the computer with Barbara Barton. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Mentor/AHS student John Minihan with "student" Paula Buendo. (Paula calls him her "adopted grandson".) Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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do to observe a class recently at the High School and to speak with Ramah, as well as the class. Klayman spoke briefly to the group, thanking them for helping her "get through a really bad day" by sending her e-mails of thanks for helping to make the program a reality. Gadaire found the experience encouraging.

So many of the elderly are returning to work or extending their working years because, according to Mundo, health care costs have increased. But Ramah, who sees the interaction of the two age groups twice a week, said, "I think it's a great opportunity for both the students and the older adults. The two generations interact very nicely, and no one finds it odd that it is the younger people who are teaching the older ones."

"Our computers are new and all are on-line. Since the program started, each student has established an e-mail account. It's nice to see the two age groups together," noted Ramah.

Barbara Barton, one of the senior "students," summed it up rather nicely: "It's wonderful. It keeps you interested in playing."

Agawam UNICO To Hold 17th Annual Memorial Mass

On November 7th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold its 17th Annual Memorial Mass for its departed members. The Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam.

The Rev. William C. Rousseau, Administrator of both St. Anthony and St. Theresa Churches, will be the celebrant. The St. Anthony Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Beltrandi, will provide the music for the Mass.

Family members and friends of departed UNICO members are invited to attend the Mass and the luncheon that will be held after the Mass in the St. Anthony of Padua Church hall. Forty-five departed members will be remembered during the Mass.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Memorial Mass, they may contact Lou Scherpa, 786-0203, or Dick DiLullo, 786-0699.

UNICO National is an Italian-American service organization. It was founded in 1922, and the Agawam chapter was chartered in 1962. The club holds several fundraisers throughout the year to support its many charitable causes.

Annual Country Holiday Fair At Country Estates

Country Estates of Agawam, located at 1200 Suffield Street (Route 75) in Agawam will be holding its annual Country Holiday Fair on Friday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Included in the fair will be craft items, baked goods, raffles, and holiday gift items. The public is welcome.

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ISABELLE MARIE PICHER

The Picher Family Announces Birth Of First Child, Isabelle

David and Michelle (Montesi) Picher are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Isabelle Marie Picher.

Isabelle was born at Brigham and Woman's Hospital in Boston on Friday, September 17, 1999 at 10:54 p.m. She weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the first grandchild of Fred and Pat Montesi of Feeding Hills and second granddaughter to Dottie Picher of Scarborough, Maine. She is also the fifth great-grandchild of Aldina Montesi of Agawam.

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Annual Craft Fair At St. Thomas School On Sat., November 6th

The Annual Craft Fair at St. Thomas School will be held on Saturday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The school is located on Route 20, West Springfield (across from Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home).

The Craft Fair will be hosted by the Agawam Lioness Club this year and is looking to host this fair for many years to come. Featured items will include area crafters whose wares include pressed flower poem frames, wooden ornaments, quilted items, floral wreaths, baby items, children's fabric books, covered baskets, ceramic items, hand-crafted jewelry, handmade dolls, tin ware, and numerous Christmas items.

The Craft Fair will feature a raffle drawing, bake sale by the Lioness Club, along with the many area crafters who will insure a good time for all. Come and browse this unique Craft Fair and help the Agawam Lioness continue with the tradition of the St. Thomas Craft Fair.

Golden Age Club's Chapter 1, November Calendar Of Events

Friday, Nov. 5th: Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 9th: A trip to hear the Branson Mountain Music Festival Bluegrass, Country Music, plus comedy, in Swansea, MA.

Wednesday, Nov. 10th: Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Special Thanksgiving Raffle and Gift Bingo.

Thursday, Nov. 18th: Bus trip with "Dreams of Winning" at Foxwood Casino.

Wednesday, Nov. 24th: Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Entertainment will be "Gift Bingo." Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Day.

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Junior Women's Club Seeks Donations For Holiday Baskets

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is in short supply for the Holiday Baskets for our needy folks in Agawam. The Agawam Junior Women's Club, once again, is conducting its annual food, clothes, and toy drive for the needy families in Agawam during the holiday season.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club provides groceries to feed a family during Thanksgiving. Last year, due to an overwhelming generosity from our friends, YOU, we were able to provide meals to 60 families at Thanksgiving.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Locations are at Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, SandCastle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Coldwell Banker, and the Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra box of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods:

Canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, cereal, cake mixes, soap/toothpaste/brush, paper goods, pasta, canned juice, prepared foods (shelf goods), soups, canned meats (tuna, spam).

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food, you may make the difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that your CARE can make all the difference in the world. And, after all, isn't that what Thanksgiving is all about?

Western Mass. Genealogical Soc. To Meet On Wed., November 3rd

The Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will meet at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum on State Street in Springfield on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker will be John D. Hamilton, the new director of the museum. Director Hamilton is researching subjects to use in developing new exhibits for the museum.

In following up on the Ames family and the Ames Sword Company, he visited the Maple Grove Cemetery in Chicopee, where he found not only burials of the Ames family, but also in nearby plots, graves of many families of workers at the Ames manufacturing plant. As a bonus, he visited at the right time to enjoy the maples in the cemetery at their peak of fall color.

The director will outline his plans for developing future exhibits, and will suggest how members of the Society can assist in the process.

The genealogical library will be open from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for member research. Members are respectfully reminded that the research period ends at 7:00 p.m. when the regular meeting begins.

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Wednesday, November 3rd: Chicken paprika pie, tossed salad, ice cream.

Thursday, November 4th: Pasta and egg soup, ham salad sandwich, broccoli salad, mixed fruit.

Friday, November 5th: Baked fish, rice Florentine, carrots, rye bread, pineapple. (Menu subject to change without notice.)

Golden Age Club's (Chapter II) November Calendar Of Events

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. (Travel representative will show slides on Alaska and Canadian Rockies.)

Monday, Nov. 8th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino

Nov. 9th-18th: 10-day air trip to Italy.

Wednesday, Nov. 17th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. (Entertainment - Jean Franklin will play the keyboard and sing songs.)

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join Golden Age Club Chapter II.

Have a safe and happy Halloween weekend...

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Navy Fireman LaValley Servings In W. Pacific

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn M. LaValley, daughter of Phyllis A. and Jules J. LaValley, Sr. of 97 Silver St., Agawam, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf aboard the fast combat support ship USS Sacramento, home-ported in Bremerton, Washington.

During the first half of the deployment, LaValley's ship made port visits to cities in Korea, Singapore, and Thailand, where crew members had a chance for relaxation, sightseeing, shopping, and to enjoy the local cuisine.

While on deployment, LaValley will be one of more than 370,000 active duty sailors celebrating the Navy's 224th birthday. Every October 13th, sailors mark the date as a time for ceremony and reflect on the deeds of the men and women who previously served and have given today's sailors their legacy of honor, courage, and commitment.

USS Sacramento's main mission is to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway. LaValley's ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel, 625 tons of ordnance, 360 tons of dry provisions, and 60 tons of refrigerated foods. USS Sacramento gives battle group commanders the capability, flexibility, and mobility to sustain deployed forces underway for long periods.

The 1998 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Navy in July 1998.

Lioness Club Still Has Coverlets/Pillows

Coverlets and pillows are still for sale by the Agawam Lioness Club. The coverlet shows all the significant scenes of Agawam; Captain Leonard House, oldest House of Agawam, etc.

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History Of The Beauty Industry (Continued from last week...)

Americans imitated the cosmetics of the French and British and made a second contribution to the industry in 1866 when Henry Fellow discovered that oxide of zinc made a decent powder base. Apothecary shops provided ingredients for cosmetics, and chemists started to manufacture and sell their own home remedies.

By 1770, the British Parliament passed an act stating that women found guilty of seducing men into matrimony by means of extreme cosmetic arts could be tried under laws of witchcraft! Southern women covered their faces with powder made from chalk, and colored their lips and cheeks with beetroot.

The world of cosmetics began with the end of World War I and the beginning of the flapper era. Beauty shops opened all over the country, department stores opened salons, and the American appetite for change was fed by mud packs, nail polish, eyeshadows, bath salts, astrigents, deodorants, depilatories, and solid perfumes.

The federal government enacted the Pure Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act of 1938, which was designed to insure the safety and purity of cosmetics. This is when the cosmetic industry started to blossom, and three young men named Charles and Joseph Revson and Charles Lachman started their journey to building the Revlon empire.

In 1936, the company instituted its quality control program, created its own research labs in 1943, and in the early 1950's, the company went public and today is still one of the biggest cosmetic companies, producing dozens of the original cosmetics and colors it started with.



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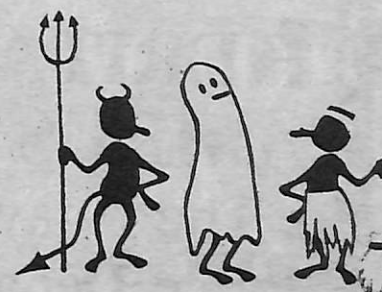
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: SATURDAY MORNING PARENTS

Parents are the most important teachers of their children. During Saturday morning classes, our seminarian, John Gawienowski, will discuss a way parents can share some faith with their families. Over a cup of coffee, they will have a practical discussion.

On October 30th, they will walk through the church building and talk about what is there and why. The hour of waiting for the classes to be released could prove very helpful. Everyone is invited, not just parents of 1-4.

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS

The New Confirmation Class will have their Inscription Service at the 9:30 Mass on October 31st. Classes will begin on Sunday nights on November 7th at 6:30. A revised schedule will be mailed shortly.

Those who have not picked up their packet of information and pledge form for this inscription service, may do so at the Rectory Office. The new candidates are reminded that they should have scheduled a short meeting with Fr. Howard by now.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Our Parish Singles Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting will be held on November 11th at 7:00 p.m., and will be a "Pizza Party and Scrabble."

ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

The Club is planning to attend "A Cabaret Christmas" at the Inn at Northampton on November 18th. The cost is \$36 for lunch, the show, and bus fare.

The group will leave at 10:30 a.m. and return by 4:15 p.m. For reservations, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

TUTORS NEEDED

The three-year program to assist students with academic needs has been expanded to the Junior High. Time spent is minimal; during the school hours or after-school, only one to two hours per week.

If you can help, call Mary Bennett at 786-3739, Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859, or Pat Roberts at 786-8580.

OPEN HOUSE FOR "KNIGHTS"

The Knights of Columbus will have an open house on November 6th/7th after Masses in the Parish Center.

The men of the parish are most welcome to "come and see."

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The Annual Mass for the deceased of the parish who have died since last November 2nd will be on Saturday, November 6th, at 4:00 p.m.

We have extended an invitation to the relatives of these people whose addresses we have, but the Mass and reception are open to the parish family.



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Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Handling Life's Changes and Challenges." The Lector this week will be Matthew Granger. The Bible reading will be Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Ushers will be Charles Horenstein and Sue Strycharz. Jeff Chapman and Chris Kretschmar will be our acolytes. Linda Edelman will host Coffee Hour.

Sunday School students will leave at a designated time to work on a craft project this week. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Church members are reminded to set their clocks back one hour this weekend as Daylight Savings Time ends.

The Confirmation Class will meet here on Wednesday, November 3rd, from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Operation Friendship will host a Roast Beef Supper here on Saturday, November 6th, with continuous servings from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. If you've never attended one of these delicious meals, this would be a great time to do so.

The food is tasty, the servers cheerful, and this group is Y2K ready so each dinner is worry-free!

Plans are in the works for another Community Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church.

If you are interested in helping the Agawam Parish Association, please call Art Theobald at 789-4271 for further details.

Looking for a clean, smoke- and alcohol-free place to hold your meeting, wedding or baby shower, or other activity? The church hall is available for use by members and non-members.

Access to the kitchen is also available. Please call the church office at 786-5061 if you are interested in scheduling an event and would like rental information.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is pleased to announce their annual Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Saturday, November 13th. Delicious meals will be served at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu includes chicken pie (of course!), whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, and beverage. If that scrumptious feast is not enough, diners who feel they have room left may top off their meal with a slice of homemade apple or squash pie!

Adults may purchase a meal for \$7.50; children under age eight, \$3; preschool children dine for free. A mini-bazaar and bake sale will be held also.

For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732. We've had several phone calls already in anticipation of this event, so don't wait to make a call for your reservations!

On the calendar:

Sunday, October 31st: 10:00 a.m., Worship; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.



Monday, November 1st: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.


Tuesday, November 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Wednesday, November 3rd: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation Class; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 4th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...




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Church News - continued...

Valley Community Church Seeks New Organist

After many years of service as organist for Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, Mary Ellen Bruce has retired from her music ministry. A Spanish teacher at Agawam High School, Ms. Bruce has long shared her talents on piano and organ as well as singing in the choir.

She has assisted choir director Sue Morgan in choral selections as well as performing with her on piano and cello duets. A farewell party and Sunday brunch were given in her honor by members of the choir and the congregation in grateful recognition of her contributions and music ministry over the past 10 years.

The church is currently looking for a replacement who would be able and available to play the organ and/or piano for Sunday morning services at 9:30 a.m., for once a week evening rehearsal time, and occasional special services held during the church year.

For an interview, please call the church office at 786-2445 in regards to this paid position.

Catholic Women's Club Slates Annual Communion Supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual Communion Supper on Monday, November 8th at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam, following celebration of Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Paula Raiche is chairperson, and the guest speaker for the evening will be Reverend David Joyce.

A family-style dinner of chicken and pork catered by Alcoa will be served.

Any member who has not been contacted, or new members interested in attending, please call Lillian Doyle, 786-9586, at the church rectory.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, November 5th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, November 5th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



Reflections...

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The Origins Of Halloween (Part I Of II)

As almost any child can tell you, this coming Sunday is Halloween. For many people, Halloween means ghosts, goblins, and witches. But it wasn't always that way.

In fact, originally Halloween was a celebration of the Church itself. Halloween comes from "All Hallows Eve," which is the Eve of (day before) All Saint's Day.

"Saint" is a description of a person who knows God personally, and who lives in a loving relationship with Him. The Epistle to the Romans was addressed to "All in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints," and the Epistle to the Ephesians was addressed to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus.

In a sense, it shouldn't surprise us that the original meaning of the Church's celebration of itself somehow got distorted. Reality is often supplanted by fiction. Truth is vulnerable to distortion; sometimes people find it easier to twist the truth rather than to simply live by it.

Jesus warned His followers about the danger of God's message and way of life for us being supplanted by empty religion. Then Jesus said to the crowds and to His disciples: "The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you

must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. Everything they do is done for men to see ... they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues."

Jesus was not the first to condemn those who compromised God's message by their poor behavior. In Old Testament times, God had similar problems with at least some of the prophets. Speaking through the Prophet Micah, God complained, "Her (Israel's) leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money."

But, God is not mocked, nor is He unaware of the falsities! This is what the Lord says: "As for the prophets who lead My people astray, if one feeds them, they proclaim 'peace'; if he does not, they prepare to wage war against him. Therefore the night will come over you, without visions, and darkness, without divination. The sun will set for the prophets, and the day will go dark for them. The seers will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced. They will all cover their faces, because there is no answer from God."

The Bible admonishes God's people to maintain conduct which is holy, righteous, and blameless. We are expected to live lives worthy of God, who calls us into His kingdom.

As others have put it, Christians are supposed to "walk the talk." It has also been pointed out that Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven.

It would be unreasonable to expect Christians to always behave perfectly, because we are only people, too. However, it is not unreasonable to expect Christians to behave appropriately, at least more often than not.

Happy All Saint's Day!!!

(To be continued next week...)

Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's Church Scheduled For Monday, November 1st

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and juice, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at

St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

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Hampden Savings Announces Promotions

HSBusiness, the business banking department of Hampden Savings Bank, has expanded again. Thomas R. Burton, President of the Bank, announced the promotion of Glenn Welch to Sr. Vice President and Division Executive and the hiring of Renee N. (Fumo) King, an Agawam High School graduate, as Assistant Vice President for that same division.

Welch had served as a Vice President of HSBusiness and joined the Bank in 1998 with extensive experience managing commercial loan portfolios up to \$80 million. "we wanted to move aggressively to continue the expansion and success of this department and Glenn has showed us he has the skills needed to accomplish that goal," according to Burton. Mr. Welch succeeds William D. Marsh III, who was recently promoted to the position of President, Electronic Commerce.

Ms. King has more than 10 years of commercial banking experience in both Hampden and Hampshire Counties. She has extensive experiences in business cash management products and the management of commercial loan portfolios.

Ms. King holds a Masters of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Western New England College. "We are very excited to have Renee as part of our team," noted Mr. Burton. "She will be the key ingredient in managing our growth and ensuring a consistent level of personal service to each of our business clients."

Hampden Savings Bank is a 147-year-old financial institution serving businesses, families, and individual customers throughout Western Massachusetts with assets currently estimated in excess of \$220 million. It remains the only independently operated bank headquartered in Springfield.



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Cohabitation

A woman who had cohabitated with a man as an unmarried couple for approximately 25 years brought an action seeking declaration that a written property agreement they had entered was invalid.

In 1967, the plaintiff, then age 22 years, and the defendant, then age 25 years, began living together in an apartment rented by the defendant. Then the parties moved to a house purchased by the defendant in 1973. In 1980, the defendant sold the property and the house they were living in and they moved to another house he purchased when they resided together until 1996.

Between 1973 and 1992, the plaintiff contributed \$25 a week toward general household expenses. Throughout the course of the relationship, the plaintiff performed household duties, including all the food and clothes shopping, which she paid for solely from her earnings, as well as all the cooking, cleaning, and laundry. She also entertained the parties' friends and family in the parties' home.

The plaintiff contributed some of her income toward the maintenance and improvement of the parties' home. She paid for the purchase and installation of ceramic flooring, wall-to-wall carpeting, patio furniture, and a deck.

She and the defendant also shared the cost of a television, an oven, a refrigerator, and an air conditioner. By contributing some of her salary to the parties' home, the plaintiff did not secure her own investments and, at the time of trial, she did not have any savings and only a small pension. The plaintiff's contributions enabled the defendant to use some of his funds to purchase and maintain his real estate and an airplane.

To Be Continued Next Week...

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Business Continuation Planning: An Early Start May Help You Succeed (Part II Of II)

Sell to an outside party. If no heirs, partners, or employees want to take over your business, you may determine it's best to sell to an outside party. Potential buyers may include competitors, other business owners who want to add to their existing enterprise, or people who want to purchase an existing business.

A reputable business broker can help you plan your eventual sale and also recommend ways to make your business appealing to potential buyers. For example, you may want to implement a clear management succession plan and ensure that financial statements show strong cash flow and growing earnings.

A qualified financial advisor and your accountant can assist in valuing your business for sale. You'll take into account such factors as your operation's:

- assets and liabilities,
- customer base and strength of relationships,
- earnings history,
- competitive position, and...
- owner and employee wages, benefits, and related costs.

Go public and offer stock. Another way to sell your business is to go public and sell stock. This option may let you realize liquidity while retaining some involvement. Keep in mind, however, that once your business is publicly owned, you are accountable first to shareholders and legally must keep their interest at the forefront rather than your own.

As with other exit options, preparing to eventually go public takes long-term planning. Financial analysts and investors will scrutinize your business, so you should focus on building a strong track record.

A part of your financial plan. Your business is an integral component of your personal finances, so your continuation strategy should mesh with your overall financial plan. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you tie the two together to help you achieve your professional and personal financial goals.

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Heel Spurs/Plantar Fascitis (Part II Of II)

If you have heel pain at the inside, front, and bottom of your heel, especially if it is in the morning or after sitting a long time, then you probably have plantar fascitis. The pain often increases with more walking and standing.

Treatment for plantar fascitis and heel spurs includes:

- gentle stretching of the calf muscles;
- decreasing or changing activities;
- losing weight;
- better fitting shoes (with an arch support and raised heel);
- shoe inserts that have a good arch support;
- heel pads;
- applying ice for five minutes after activities;
- anti-inflammatory medication (aspirin, ibuprofen).

Many sufferers do well with Birkenstock sandals when constant foot pain is present that is caused by inflammation.

To reduce the inflammatory process, keep the foot raised above the heart and/or compressed by wrapping the foot with ace bandages after long periods of being on the feet. Trying to "walk through or ignore the pain" can make a mild case much worse.

Home care routines include:

1. Decrease activity or switch to exercises that keep the weight off the feet, like stationary bike riding or swimming. Avoid or modify anything that can increase the pain. Be patient, it can take months of reduced activity. Increase activities slowly. Complete rest is not good, either; some activity is necessary for recovery.
2. Stretching is often recommended, although not usually if the plantar fascitis is due to an injury.
3. Taping can help protect the fascia and allow the patient to be able to walk.
4. Arch supports, certain shoes, or heel pads can help.
5. Ice immediately after activities or injury. Place ice on a towel, step on it, and roll it under the feet for five minutes. Repeat every hour until bedtime.
6. Massage in the morning and evening. Healthy feet need to be taken care of.

Keep your body and feet happy and healthy this season. If you have any questions regarding foot pain, please call our office.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

On Thursday, November 4th...

Free Blood Glucose Screening At Agawam Medical West Assoc.

In recognition of November as Diabetes Awareness Month, Medical West Associates is offering free blood glucose screenings at its Agawam, Chicopee, and Springfield facilities. This screening is available to anyone interested.

These screenings will measure the level of sugar in the blood and may be an indicator of being at risk for diabetes. The test can be taken with or without fasting. A fasting measurement is more accurate, and would mean not eating for at least eight hours before the test. However, a non-fasting screening can also give valuable information.

The glucose screening will be available on Thursday, November 4th at the Agawam Medical West Associates, 230 Main St.

The times for the screenings at all the locations is 8:15 a.m.-12:00 noon. Kate Kolodziejki, R.N., Diabetes Educator, will be performing the screenings.

An appointment is not necessary. For information, please call Emily Lewis, Health Education Coordinator, at Medical West, at 598-7132.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you...

Programs Offered By Noble Hospital

Free Athletic Injury Clinic. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

Two clinics will be held in November with a health care professional who will evaluate athletic injuries. Based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

Please call Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center at (413) 562-3522 for dates of the free clinics and to schedule an appointment.

"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Your Breasts, But Were Afraid to Ask..." Lecture with Diane Lockhart, M.D. Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

This lecture is free-of-charge and open to the public. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Sundays, November 7th and 14th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

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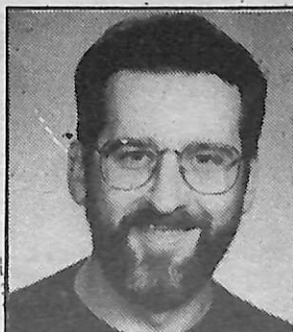
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When Death Informs Life...

The fine line between life and death can be both clear and unclear to us at the same time. We can both know the loss experienced when death is at hand and how life will never be the same without this person. And we can also still feel a tremendous sense of connection between ourselves and the deceased. This connection can be lifelong!

This past week, I participated in the celebration of life and heartfelt loss for my grandmother. A woman nearing 85 leading an active, quality life up until a month ago.

She knew the odds for successful colon cancer surgery were against her due to a pre-existing heart condition complicated by emphysema. She weighed the risk and stared at that fine line between a life that she knew would turn into a burden for all who cared for her if she did not have the surgery, and the risk of hoping for a post-operative active and quality life (however modified).

Our family struggled with her decision. We knew it may be her last. While, at first, the outcome appeared to be successful, day four in recovery proved fatal.

Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

"Happy Halloween" to all of our readers...

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Happy 16th Birthday, John!



Where Did The Years Go?

Love,
Mom, Dad & Michael

We gathered from all over the country to celebrate this courageous risk-taker. She not only demonstrated this ability at the end of her life, but throughout all of her life. Anyone who brings forth and raises nine children knows the difference between life and death. My Nannie chose life.

Do you know or have you known someone who teaches you how to choose and live life? Has your family been this resource for you? A friend or perhaps even a stranger?

Over the last few weeks, I have talked about the natural struggle that takes place for a person in shaping their own sense of self. How often your family's version of how they would like to shape you is different from your own version. I spoke about the cost of family membership and the desire, at times, to cut up the family membership card.

I believe it can be said that often it is *much easier and even comforting for us to relate to our anger and rage* (especially when these feelings desire to *disconnect* from our family) *than it is to relate to the*

very challenging and often downright simple task of relating to the many privileges family membership does offer.

Your life can be waiting for death to strike and/or you can take life as it is offered and live in the moment as best as possible. Each way informs us about living deathlike or choosing life. What is your choice and/or do you have a choice?

Relationships are hard work. Knowing and keeping respectful boundaries, however well-intended, can lead to a breakdown in trust. More on this next week.

In the meantime, please e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449), telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and **"Let's Talk about it."**

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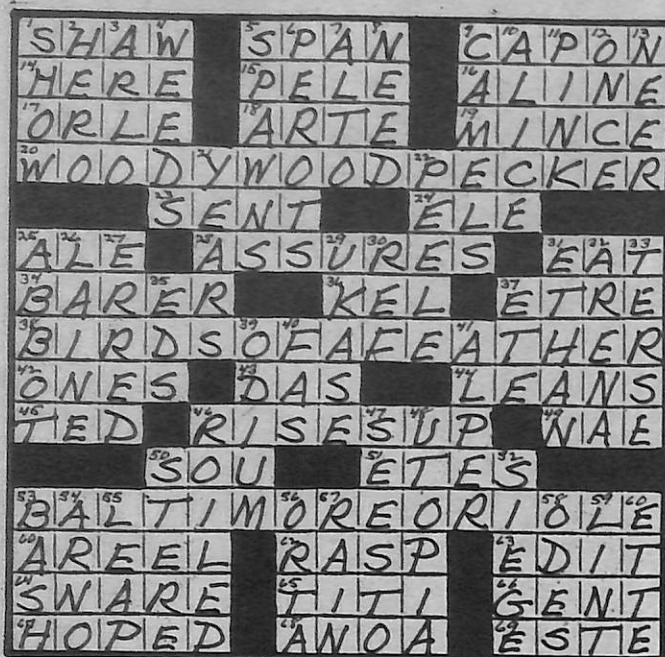


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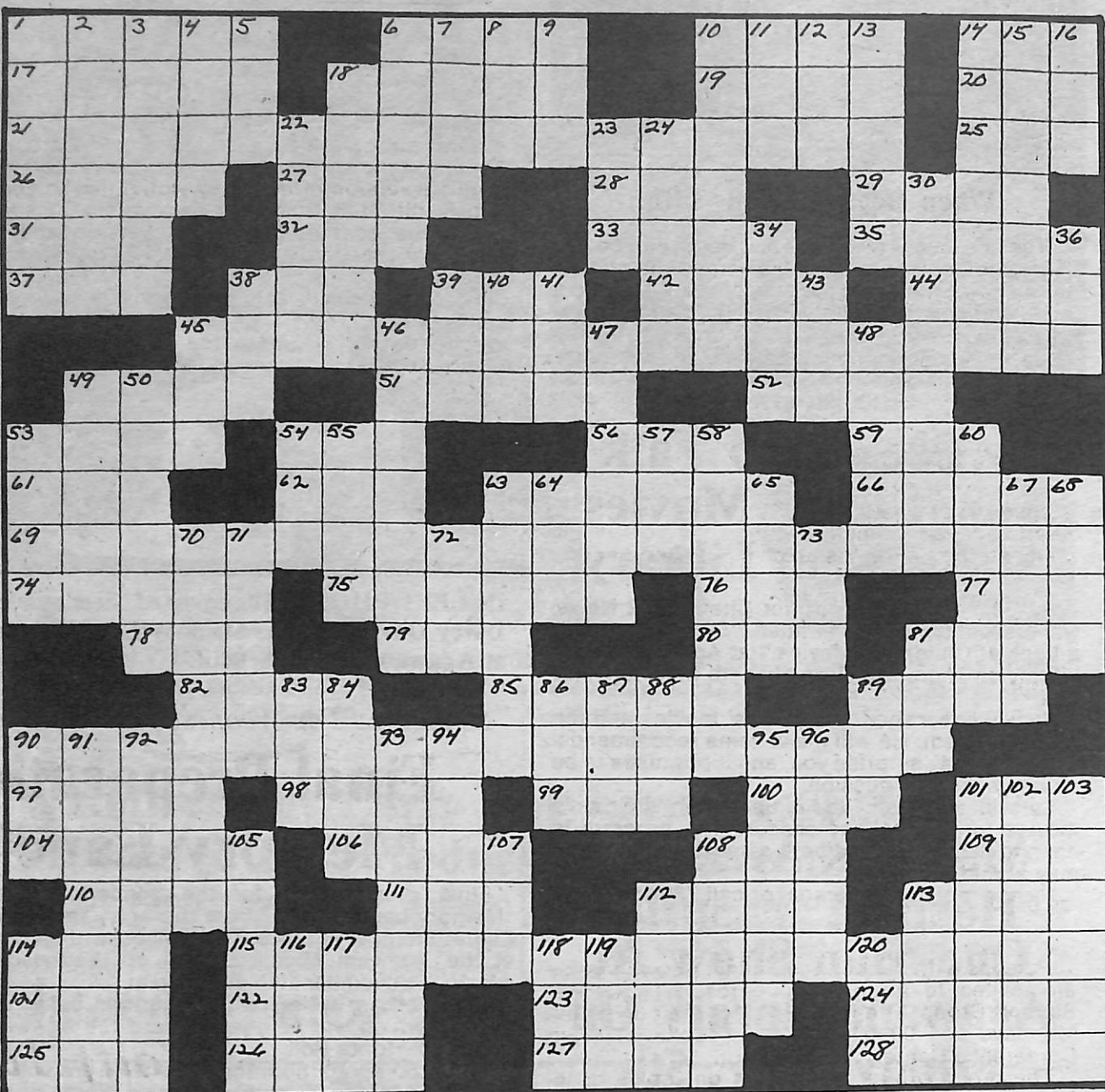
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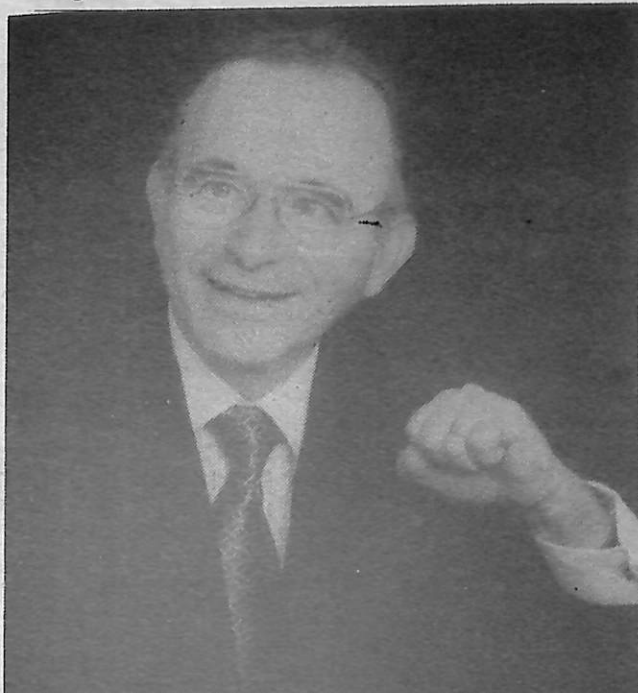
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Sy Becker To Talk About Kids' Movies At Agawam Library

Sy Becker, movie critic for Channel 22 News, will present a program entitled, "Sy Becker Takes a Look at Children's Movies," at Agawam Public Library on Thursday, November 4th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sy will cover the topic of kids' movies and the ratings system. He will make some recommendations that may surprise you, and it promises to be an interesting discussion.

Sy will also talk about upcoming children's movies for the holiday season. The program is open to the public, and both parents and children may attend.

Please register in person, or call 789-1550.

One-Man Show At Agawam Library On Friday, Nov. 5th

The Agawam Cultural Council's "First Friday Series" for 1999-2000 is presenting an unusual and interesting show on November 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

Marcia Estabrook puts on a one-man show playing the part, in costume, of a slave, Ellen Craft, in Georgia in 1848, who is seeking freedom.

We experience the excitement of the possibility of accomplishing the almost-impossible, plus the dangers and frustrations. Ellen Craft's color was light enough to be able to take the role of a plantation owner and travel north on the railroad, accompanied by her husband, who poses as her slave.

In this presentation, we feel first-hand what it is like to not be free and to desperately want to be free.

Estabrook is part of "Characters Educational Theater." She began the research for her historical characters in 1981 and has been performing full-time since then.

This program is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and is free and open to the public.



IN LEFT PHOTO: The cover of sheet music from the World War I era. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Darcy Davis leads the Memory Lane Chorus in practice for the November 10th performance at Agawam Middle School.

Scheduled For Wednesday, November 10th...

Final Preparations Underway For Memory Lane Chorus's Concert

Final preparations for the concert by the "Memory Lane Chorus" from the Agawam Senior Center are now in place. The concert will be held at the Agawam Middle School on Wednesday evening, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

The program is free with donations being accepted, which will be given toward the Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll.

Some 50 songs from the 1914-1918 era will be presented by the 30-member chorus. Some of the songs will be short, quick versions of only the well-known "chorus" portions, while a number will include the "verse," or introductory portion, which was included in the form of songs from those years.

Songs will be grouped around themes illustrating the thoughts and feelings of people during that era, including the following categories: Start of the War in Europe, The Peace Movement, Recruiting, Training, We're Coming Over, The Pangs of Separation, The Children Speak Up, Cheer-Up, On the Battlefield, Letters and Thoughts of Going Home, The Winding Down, and Post War.

A number of the popular songs of the War Years have remained in vogue through several generations and these will also be included to present the daily life on the Home Front along with the ever-present concerns for the servicemen and

women on the front lines.

Piano accompanists for the chorus are Robert Coelln and Evelyn O'Melia and they will be assisted by members of the Melody Band from the Senior Center.

During the program, a number of solo presentations will be given, including Inez Daniels "After You've Gone," Carlo Zingarelli "Rock-A-Bye Your Baby With a Dixie Melody," Wilma Gillan "K-K-K-Katy," Darcy Davis "Oh How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning," Robert Coelln "Nola," Ginny Therous "Oh Johnny," Robert Griffen "Till We Meet Again," Dennis Buell "Ja Da," Rose Haynes "Flanders Fields," Lois Miodowski "Lafayette We're Coming Over," Norman Rinquette "Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caroline," Lorraine LeDuc "My Buddy," duet "For Me And My al" (Inez Daniels and Carlo Zingarelli), trio "Let The Rest Of The World Go By" featuring Eileen Lutat, Rose Haynes, and Wilma Gillan.

The "Country Singers" group from the Chorus will be featured in "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down On The Farm" and "Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous."

Audience participation will be invited on a number of songs that have endured the test of time and seem to have an unending lifespan, which should make an enjoyable evening for all as well as a chance to review that historic time.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...



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Education

AHS To Present "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS"

After the success of "Oliver" last year, Agawam High School's Music Department has decided to produce the musical comedy "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" by Rogers and Hammerstein. The production will run November 19th and 20th at 7:30 p.m., and November 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School auditorium.

"ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" tells the "true" story of the princess and the pea. On a stormy night, to a castle came the Princess Winifred (Lucy Brown) to answer the ad which is the title song, "We have an Opening for a Princess." It appears that the Queen Aggravain (Laurie Chmielewski) has been testing princesses to see if they are worthy to marry her son Dauntless (Neil Butler). But, so far none have passed.

Meanwhile, all the lords and ladies are anxiously waiting for a princess to pass so that they can get married, for the queen has stated that "no one may wed until Dauntless is to his marriage bed." This presents quite a dilemma for Lady Larkin (Allise Alfano), who has found herself in a serious predicament after a special picnic with Sir Harry (Matt O'Neill).

The Queen decides to test Princess Winifred and the fun begins. The Wizard (Arthur Von Marshall) and the Queen devise a test. The Jester (Mike Kirk) and the Minstrel (Chris de Jongh) set about discovering what the test is.

King Sextimus (Phil Bonk), who is mute due to a curse on the kingdom, tries to help Lady Larkin run away, but gets himself in trouble with some of the other ladies. The lords and ladies are set to the task of learning the Spanish Panic, a new dance designed to exhaust all participants.

Madcap activities and uproarious events occur, all mixed in with a delightful musical score sure to delight the entire family.

For tickets to this production, call the Agawam High School Music Office.



PRINCESS WINIFRED (Lucy Young) wrestles down the strongest knight, Sir Manley (Tony Andras), while members of the royal court look on aghast in Agawam High School's production of "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS." For information and ticket reservations, call 789-4488.

Retirement Party For Larry Harbeson Scheduled For Wednesday, November 10th

A retirement party in honor of Larry Harbeson will be held Wednesday, November 10th at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Teachers, parents, and friends are welcome!

Social hour and hors d'oeuvres are scheduled

from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner starting at 7:00. Homemade desserts will follow.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to "Phyllis Lewis" and mailed to Phyllis Lewis at Granger School or Kurt Parker at Robinson Park School. Checks must be in by Friday, November 5th.

Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

Nov. 2nd: Merrimack College, 8:00 a.m.; Springfield College, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 3rd: Montserrat School of Art, 8:20 a.m.

Nov. 4th: Becker College, 8:00 a.m.; Thomas College, 8:30 a.m.; New Hampshire College, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 8th: Holyoke Community College, 10:00 a.m.; UMass Lowell, 1:00 p.m.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Quota International of Springfield Scholarship: Quota is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in the greater Springfield area who is hearing impaired or who intends to pursue a field of study pertaining to hearing impaired people. Deadline: February 1, 2000.

Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Scholarships: Open to the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, adopted son/daughter, or stepson/stepdaughter of life members of the Mass. State Firemen's Association. Deadline: April 20, 2000.

The following college is offering merit scholarships to deserving students who plan to enroll there: Albertus Magnus College.

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

Wentworth Institute of Technology, Oct. 31st or Nov. 21st; Champlain College, Nov. 20th or Dec. 11th; Juniata College, Nov. 14th-15th.

College Financial Aid Seminar: Congressman Richard Neal will sponsor a financial aid seminar on Sunday, Nov. 21st, 1:00 p.m. at Springfield Technical Community College. Speakers will cover the financial aid process, alternative financing, and financial planning and forms review. Learn what's new in financial aid and receive the 1999-2000 FAFSA form.

Agawam High School Financial Aid Night will be held Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School cafeteria. Dr. Lee Sirois, Director of Financial Aid at American International College, will explain the entire financial aid process to interested parents and students. The 1999-2000 FAFSA will be distributed. A question and answer session will follow Dr. Sirois' presentation.

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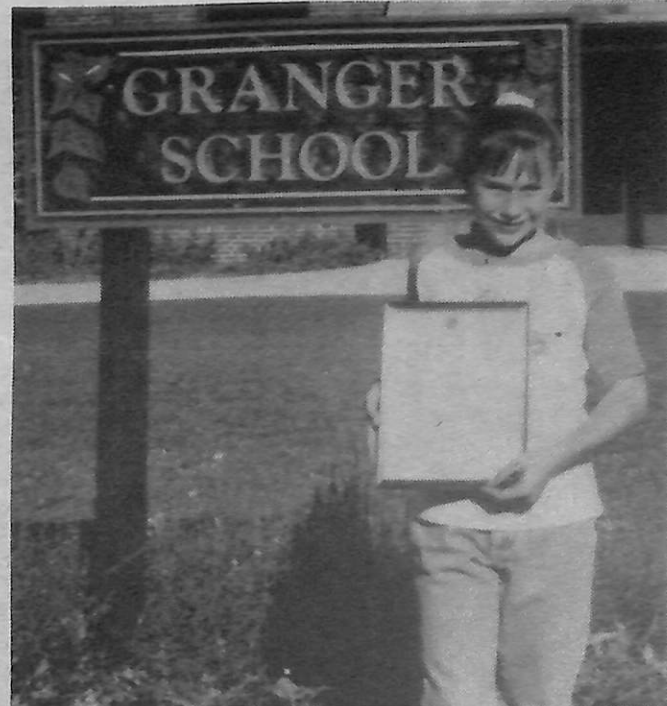
CHRISTINA K. BOUSQUET

Christina K. Bousquet Earns Degree From U. Of New Hampshire

Christina K. Bousquet graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor of arts degree in English/Journalism on May 22nd.

A Presidential Scholar and Honors Student, Christina received numerous awards while at UNH, including being one of the few chosen to be published in the *Commentary Magazine*, a publication of the UNH Communications Department and a recipient of the Gertrude Stein award which honors English majors who demonstrate writing talent and who have made a significant contribution to the writing community.

Christina, a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, is the daughter of Dennis and Kathleen Bousquet. She is currently living in Staten Island, New York and is working in the Human Resources Department of artnet.com, an online art gallery in Manhattan.



JESSICA SAIMERI

Jessica Saimeri Wins 1st Prize In Summer Reading Prog.

Jessica Saimeri of Feeding Hills, a fourth-grader at Granger Elementary School, recently won first prize in the National Bookworm Wednesday summer reading program.

The National Amusements' Bookworm Wednesdays summer reading program entitled children (ages six-10) free admission to a special screening of a children's film when they presented a book report at the theatre box office.

Every week, three children's book reports were chosen from all submissions to win a pair of movie passes for every child in their class.

Jessica won two National Amusements Showcase (multiplex) Cinemas movie passes for every child in her class, including her teacher, Mrs. Shepard.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 1st: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven-baked beans, seasoned green beans, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, November 2nd: Scrambled hamburger with gravy on whip potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, bread and butter, sweet potato spice cake with icing, milk.

Wednesday, November 3rd: Sliced deli turkey sandwich in roll, oven potato wedges with catsup, sliced peaches in syrup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Thursday, November 4th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, broccoli cuts, bread and butter, pineapple tidbits or raspberry Jello with topping, milk.

Friday, November 5th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, niblet corn, chilled fruit cup or ice cream cup, milk.

AHS's Class Of 1989 Slates 10th Reunion

The Reunion Committee is busy planning the Agawam High School Class of 1989's 10-year reunion to be held Friday, November 26th at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Tickets are \$40 per person and will include a sit-down dinner and dancing to live entertainment. Further information will be sent to class members in the mail, but you are encouraged to contact

Brittany McGregor (Morin) by phone at 413-786-5604 or Dave Fazio by e-mail at dm1195@aol.com.

Dave and Brittany would like to hear from you if you would like to purchase tickets, have information about contacting a long-lost classmate, or would like to volunteer for the Reunion Committee.

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Sports

Football Vs South Hadley...

Brownies Knock The Stripes Off Of The Tigers In 28-0 Clobbering

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Four good things happened for Agawam High last Friday evening in its football battle at South Hadley.

First, the Brownies beat the Tigers, 28-0. Second, the Agawam offense played perhaps its best football game of the season. Third, the defense played its best game in a couple years, and fourth, it was homecoming for new Brownie Coach Tad Desautels. You see, nine years ago, Desautels was an All-Western Mass. performer for South Hadley High.

The Brownies kicked the teeth out of the Tigers to raise their record to 4-2. South Hadley fell to 2-4. This was a non-AA Conference game, so the Brownies are still 2-1 in that department.

While South Hadley is not a bad team, the Tigers got their fangs handed to them on a rack because, as Desautels said when it was over, "That was some great defense our kids played tonight."

Did the fact that Desautels was coming back to his old field of glory have anything to do with it? "I'll add this," he said. "There was a lot of motivation for us, maybe even more for me," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Sour For The Tigers From The Get-Go

Things went sour for South Hadley from the get-go. The Agawam defense, frustrated last week in a 13-10 AA Conference loss to Holyoke, whacked the Tigers into a fumble with just under two minutes off the clock in the first quarter.

Senior Scott Harlin, from his defensive back position, fell on it at the South Hadley 11-yard line. Fullback Tony Liquori picked up nine yards and quarterback Brian St. Jean got one, bringing

the ball to the Tigers' one. Then Harlin, normally a wide receiver, got the call and ran it in with 9:57 to go in the quarter. St. Jean nailed the extra point and Agawam, up 7-0, was on its way.

After a sack courtesy of defenders Dave Moore and Isidoro Aguinaga, the Tigers, treating the ball like it was lathered up with the plague, fumbled it away again with 9:10 left in the quarter.

This time, junior lineman Frank Ferrentino fell on it. And the Brownies were back in business at the host's 10-yard line. Liquori gained a couple and it was time for Moore to score the first of his three touchdowns on a five-yard run. St. Jean's extra point was good and Agawam went up, 14-0.

Harlin, who had one of the best games of his career, picked off a pass in the second quarter, killing a Tiger drive. Some excellent defense by Vic Romano and Eric Pederson, along with Nick Beaudette, shut South Hadley down for the rest of the first quarter.

Agawam started the second quarter much the way it had played the first 12 minutes. The locals brought the ball to the South Hadley nine after Moore picked up 16 yards on three carries and St. Jean hit Harlin for a 25-yard gain. Moore then raced for eight yards and a TD. St. Jean made the kick. The half would end with Agawam in command, 21-0.

No Answer To The Brownies' Offense & Defense

If South Hadley had an answer to the Brownies' offense and defense, it forgot when the third quarter got underway. Ferrentino, Romano, Liquori, Beaudette, and Jerry Graves were all over the Tigers' offense like they'd read their game plan.

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A Look Behind-The-Scenes...

Football Managers Also Figure Into AHS's Game Plan

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Not all the kids involved in athletics at Agawam High School put on a uniform. Some serve in other capacities.

Take the various team managers, for instance. They go mostly unnoticed, except by the teams themselves. Agawam football has five very competent ladies who take care of the day-to-day details of the team - Carianne Bussolari, Kelly Doyle, Heather Bussierre, Nicole Koehler, and Katie Maynard.

We asked Nicole just exactly what a manager does. The senior (a two-year managing veteran) replied this way: "We make sure the team has enough water during practice. We also make sure their gear is all organized on the sidelines, both at practice and during games. We also take care of the other odds and ends."

Then she explained why she enjoys the job so much. "I love football. Plus, I have a lot of friends on the team." She singled out some of them. "There's Dave Moore, Victor Romano, Dennis Lip-tak, and Josh Spinner, to name just a small bunch. It's great to be around them because they are genuinely funny guys and make you laugh and feel at ease and also make you feel like you are part of the team."

Nicole had to wait a spell before she could manage. "I asked for the job in my freshman year. I talked to Mr. Vecchiarelli (former head football Coach Vecchiarelli) and got the job as a junior and now as a senior," she smiled, adding, "This year,

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before the season, I approached Coach (Tad) Desautels and introduced myself and told him I'd managed before. He seemed impressed with me."

Her Unique Qualifications...

Heather has some unique qualifications. "I'm an assistant coach for the Agawam Pee Wee football team. I'm the first female ever to hold down that position," she said proudly.

Heather, a junior, got the job through a recommendation by Nicole. "The coach agreed that I could do the job after Nicole told him I'd be excellent help." She also mentioned that her dad, Bruce, and little brother, Zack (age 11 and a team water boy) have been involved with the team for three years, so there is a family history for them regarding Brownie football.

Kelly is just a freshman. "I got interested in the job because of Nicole. She's been my friend for a long time and used to babysit my little sister.

"I like the job because we get to encourage the guys. We feel the same elation that they do when they win and the same sadness when they lose. We were very happy after their great showing against South Hadley (last Friday night's 28-0 win)," she said.

Freshman Katie Maynard, another of the new team managers, also brings a positive attitude and energy to the operation. Katie is trying out for the basketball team after Thanksgiving, and may be looking at track in the spring. The other girls agreed that Katie is a hard-working individual who obviously enjoys her job.

Carianne, a junior, has a special affinity for Agawam football. "I wanted to do something because I love the game and wanted to support the team. What better way than to be a manager?"

But there is something more than being supportive for her. "Brian (St. Jean) is a great kicker. He'll be leaving next year. I'm going to try out for the kicking job. I've been working with Coach Benjamin before and after practice. Right now, I can hit a field goal from 25 yards out. I have a soccer style approach to the ball and I'm working on getting stronger. I'm confident I can do the job."

If Carianne makes the team, she would be the first girl to do so at AHS. "No girl has even attempted to join the Agawam football team," she revealed.

So, if you're watching Brownie football, take a gander at the picture with this article. You'll see them, home and away and at practice (if you ever get up to Harmon Smith Field). They are just as much a part of Agawam football as any of the stars on the field.



IN PRAISE OF THE Agawam High School football managers: Carianne Bussolari, Kelly Doyle, Heather Bussiere, and Nicole Koehler. (Missing from photo: Katie Maynard.) Advertiser

News photo by Dave Rollins.)

Jr. High Pool Is Open To Residents On Friday Evenings

The Agawam Junior High School Pool is open to Agawam residents on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for public swims.

Admission fees are \$2 for children and adults age six and older and \$1 per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices and disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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The Tigers' only opportunity for anything came on a field goal attempt in the third which was no good from the Agawam 24.

Still leading 21-0 going into the final 12 minutes, Agawam would add to that total after a 10-play drive took the ball to South Hadley's three-yard line. Moore ran it in (his ninth touchdown of the season) with three minutes left. The extra point was good and Agawam, up 28-0, never looked back.

Agawam held South Hadley to only 59 total yards. The Brownies have an AA Conference game this Friday evening at Westfield High.

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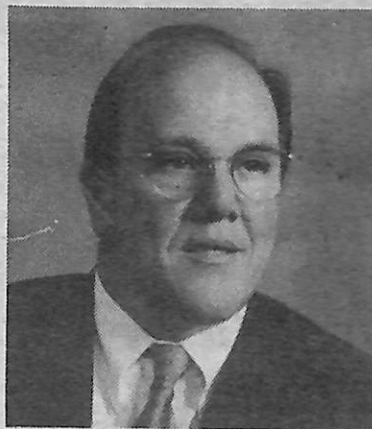
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by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Even though the Agawam High girls' volleyball team ran its record to 7-10 after Monday's 14-16, 15-6, 15-10 win over visiting Dean Tech, Coach Pat Demers wasn't all that happy with her team to that point.

So, using her many years of coaching skills, she decided a slight shake-up was in order. "Yeah, I started our second string in the first game. Some of our starters got the point, I think," said Demers.

Even though the back-ups lost that first game, they showed well, according to the coach. "Kerri Merriam, just a freshman, served well. One of our sophomores, Liz Gottardi, showed great promise with her passing. Kate Ludwig, another

sophomore, just went out and played a great all-around game. Then there was Lindsey Jeserski, a junior, who never played organized volleyball until she came with us this year. Lindsey was everywhere."

So what was the translation? "My first team played better. There are a lot of kids looking for a starting job. Some of the starters are seniors and will graduate. But this is still a very young squad with the junior varsity coming up, which will only add to the competition for a starting job next season," noted Demers.

In the end, the starters came in and played well; among them were Amanda Brown and Elena Cat-

toni. "I'll admit that Dean Tech made many mistakes. But some of them had to do with the way our kids played," said Demers.

While the coach didn't come out and say it, in volleyball, intimidation is a big part of the game. Spikes travel very fast. Defense is crucial. You can have a 10-0 run. But you can come back from that on your serve. She saw a marked improvement.

They have Ware and Holyoke left on their regular-season schedule. There is an outside chance of a playoff berth. "We have to win both to be considered," Demers noted.

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Girls' Varsity Soccer Vs Minnechaug Regional...

Visiting Brownies Defeat Falcons, 1-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Chalk this one up as a gut-check for the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team.

Behind brilliant goaltending by junior Laura Bucalo, piggy-backed by a tenacious group of defenders who were forced to circle the wagons in the second half, the Brownies of Coach Laura Wray snared a satisfying, 1-0 Kurty Division victory over Minnechaug Regional this past Monday evening in Wilbraham.

Wray's Brownies might have gone through the motions going in. Their tournament aspirations were cast aside following a painful, 2-1 loss to Kurty Division leaders Westfield last Friday night.

The Falcons, meanwhile, came in at 8-5-1 and needed a win to solidify a tournament seed. Add this to the fact that AHS had defeated them at Harmon Smith in September, and this had all the ingredients of being an ugly night for the orange and brown.

But the Brownies maintained a high level of intensity for the entire 80 minutes and slugged it out with the Falcons, who threw everything but the kitchen sink and refrigerator at Bucalo in the second half.

Junior striker Jill Gendron spotted AHS to a 1-0 lead at the 21:19 mark of the opening half. She punched in her second goal of the fall from close

range. Senior midfielder Kristen Lawson registered the assist.

Bucalo was called on to make her first huge save of the night following the restart of play at midfield. Minnechaug weaved the ball upfield and suddenly a forward was bearing down on the AHS keeper on the right wing. The shot was launched from an angle, 20-yard outs. Bucalo absorbed the drive, maintained control to allow no rebounds, and the even-stein first half stayed 1-0, Brownies.

The ebb and flow of the second half slowly began to turn into the AHS zone during the first 15 minutes. The Falcons began their charge at the 25:00 mark when Bucalo made another big stop in a wild race for the ball bounding towards her goal. She barely got there first and the Falcons' forward flew over her in a heap.

Cast Supports Plenty Of Credit

Give credit to some of the cast around Bucalo. Senior sweeper Sheri Benton, sophomore fullback Amanda Blair, junior fullback Amanda Merola, and senior stopper Katie Shannon. All played a significant role in the physical slugfest that was now deep in the AHS zone.

At the 22:00 mark, the Falcons' shifty Margaret Cutler freed herself on the right wing, 20-yards out, and rifled a grounder that skidded past a div-

ing Bucalo and rolled (with plenty of gusto) inches past the left post.

Another of those swift Falcons, high-scoring striker Lee-Jay Henry, split the defense on the full-run, 35-yards out. As Bucalo rumbled out to cut the angle, Henry's shot flew wide of that elusive left post and the Brownies escaped.

As the minutes ticked away and the Falcons became more and more desperate for the equalizer, the AHS midfield was fighting them tooth and nail by initiating made several key clearing passes downfield that wasted precious time off the clock. Props go to seniors Amanda Tilden, Annie Paquette, Jen Lyman, Diana DiStefano, Lawson, and junior Jenn Levpo.

The Falcons were awarded a bunch of corner kicks and close throw-ins for their tenacity in those frantic, final moments. While several proved to be an adventure in the penalty area, the ball was cleared or scurried behind the goal line and AHS held on for a most rewarding victory.

Minnechaug pounded in 18 shots on Bucalo. The Brownies recorded five.

With the win, Wray's unit went 6-9-1 with a game vs. Kurty Division foe East Longmeadow looming at presstime. EL defeated AHS, 1-0 a few weeks back.

Profile...

Soccer Standout Amanda Tilden Reflects
On Her Four Years At Agawam Highby Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

AMANDA TILDEN

One of the best players on the Agawam High girls' soccer team is Amanda Tilden. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her time as a Brownie.

Amanda is 17. Her birthday is January 28th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at AHS. Currently, Amanda is taking horticulture, child development, algebra, English 12, pottery, and entrepreneurship. Pottery is her favorite course, and Gerry Smith (who teaches entrepreneurship) is her top teacher. She plans to attend the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams next fall.

Her Favorite Sports Moment...

Her sport at AHS is soccer, where she has six goals and four assists with one game left at presstime. Amanda's favorite sports moment came last spring at the Bay State Games. "We won the soccer tournament and I was the only female from Western Mass. on the team," she noted. Next year, she plans to help out with the girls' soccer squad at the Bay State Games.

Macaroni and cheese is her favorite chow. "I have it before every soccer game," she smiled.

Green is Amanda's color of choice.

Her choice of wheels would be a purple Mitsubishi 3000 GT.

Professional soccer player and Team USA member Alexi Lalas is her favorite athlete.

When Amanda wants to get away from it all, you will usually find her down on Cape Cod.

She likes to wear comfortable clothes — jeans and t-shirts. Doc Martens are her shoes of choice. American Eagle is one of her favorite stores.

Techno, along with Led Zeppelin, are her choices in music.

"Dexter's Laboratory," a cartoon, is tops on the tube for the senior. "Stigma" is her favorite flick.

Grace is her mom's name. Peter is her dad. She has a brother, Brad, a graduate of AHS who is 19 years-old and is currently a sophomore at Amherst College.

Brad is the person she looks up to. "He has a lot of courage," she said.

When her days at AHS are done, Amanda would like to be remembered this way: "I hope they'll think of me as someone who tried hard to make people happy."

Soccer Coach Laura Wray had this to say about the midfielder: "Amanda has senior leadership. She plays hard and constantly works at her game."

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Boys' Soccer Versus Central...

Brownies End Losing Streak With 2-0 Win Over The Golden Eagles

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Things were looking mighty glum for the Agawam boys' soccer team. Before Tuesday evening's game up at Central, they were mired in a six-game losing streak.

During that run, they had not scored a single goal.

So, their 2-0 win over the Golden Eagles took some sting out of a season which started out with high hopes. "We played well enough to win," first-year varsity head Coach Glenn Olson said. "There are things that need work still, but time is running out," he said of his 4-10-1 (3-5 in the Smith Division) team.

It was senior night at Central, so the Eagles were a little juiced up — maybe too much so at the start of things. Some good Agawam defense led by Brandon Donovan (who made a great though painful block of an Eagle drive two minutes into the action) set the tone, with backup by seniors Brian Lopes and Barry Ward, who were flying on both defense and offense.

Junior John DeCaro was in net for the Brownies. DeCaro made some big saves to keep the Brownies' butts out of the fire. One of them came with 7:10 gone, on a Central break into the right crease.

That effort inspired the Agawam offense, especially Lopes, who hustled downfield, dribbling deftly into the Central box. He was marked off the ball but didn't give up. Along with senior Derek Mercadante (who was playing his last game for Agawam because of impending shoulder surgery), Lopes got the ball back and kept it alive. All that hustle paid off, though no Brownie really got credit for the goal, which came at the 26:03 mark.

Mercadante kicked the ball off an Eagle defender and it ricocheted into the net. But, considering how tough scoring had been for the Brownies, the break was a welcome one.

Agawam continued to play excellent defense behind Brad Theriaque, Mike Crough, Mike Carmody, and DeCaro. They were matching Central keeper Pat Sullivan, who was having an outstanding game in his net. If it wasn't for the senior's play, Agawam could very well have been up by two or three goals at halftime and maybe four, or five at the end.

Both teams had great chances as time ran out in the first 40 minutes. With 6:30 left, Ward drove into the right crease and had a shot from 30 feet out into what looked to be an open left corner. It went wide by a foot and you could see the senior yelling to himself as he came back upfield.

With 1:25 to go, Central striker Marco Maggi had a great chance. He got to within 10 feet of the Agawam net but booted it just to the right. He also had some things to say to himself as he headed back.

With those bullets dodged on both sides, the half ended, 1-0, Brownies.

Agawam had three shots on goal. Central checked in with five.

AHS Wasn't About To Let Up...

Agawam, enjoying a lead for the first time in a long time, wasn't about to let up in the second half. The defense was still sound. Crough had a nice clearing header with two minutes gone to defuse a Central rush. At the 31:11 mark, Lopes cleared the ball up the right side and got into a good passing display with Ward and Matt Quirk. That set up another shot for Ward off a Lopes pass. Sullivan went down for another save off the Agawam effort.

Agawam got its second score by virtue of another Ward-Lopes hook-up. Ward had the ball in front of the Eagles' net. The defenders were all over him. He saw Lopes, who was around the ball all night, cutting into the crease, dropped it to him, and the senior scored his fifth goal of the season with 24:12 left, giving the Brownies a 2-0 edge.

Central, which went to 3-9-4, 0-6-1, really didn't have the firepower to come back. Play began to get rough as frustration raised its ugly head on both sides of the ball.

"When stuff like that happens, you just zip your lip and walk away," Olson said. For the most part, everyone did that. But no talk didn't mean more extracurricular didn't happen. The last three minutes were more of a hockey game than something resembling soccer.

Agawam had four second-half shots for a game total of seven. Central hit four for a total of nine.

The Brownies, at presstime, have two games left: against Longmeadow on Friday, October 29th, and West Springfield on Monday, November 1st.

According to Olson, they may still have a chance at a playoff berth with two wins and some losses by teams one or two places up in the seedings.

JV Notes:

The JV's came away winners, 1-0 against the Central kids. They scored their goal with 17:34 to go in the first half. Mike DiDonato got it from 20 feet out in front.

There were a bunch of JV players who showed well, including DiDonato, Sean Devall (good passing), Nick Broska, and goalie Evan Machos, who got the shutout. Matt McGrath and Brian McGuire were stand-up defenders all game long.

The JV's had nine shots on the Central net. Central recorded four. The JV record rose to 8-5-2 under Coach Jeff Rousseau, who commented that despite their first-half score, they actually played better in the second half.

Pee Wee Warriors (Orange) Destroy Palmer Cowboys (Blue)

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad improved their record to 7-0 by defeating the Palmer Cowboys' Blue Squad by a score of 14-0!

The Warrior defense played a stellar game by shutting down the Cowboy offense! Many defensive standouts in the game helped to secure the Warriors' seventh win of the season.

Charles Barbarisi (no. 71) made numerous tackles, along with Colin Hensel (no. 16), outside linebacker, Frank Liberti (no. 66), defensive guard, Andrew White (no. 57), defensive tackle, and Niko Omera (no. 2), middle linebacker.

The Agawam offense got the scoring going in the third quarter with fullback Colin Hensel (no. 16) on a 30-yard sweep to the right for a touchdown. Niko Omera (no. 2) ran to the left for the two-point conversion.

In the middle of the fourth quarter, Blake Dutilly (no. 87), left end, scored a 45-yard touchdown run on an end reverse. A great game by everyone on the Warrior team!

With Win Over West Side...

Pee Wee Warriors (Orange) Raise Their Record To 6-0

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad defeated West Springfield by a score of 34-8, improving their record to 6-0.

The Warrior offense was unstoppable, scoring five times out of six that they had the ball. Colin Hensel (no. 16), the Warriors' fullback, ran for a 60-yard touchdown run on the first possession.

Then in the second quarter, Colin scored again on a 31-yard run up the middle. Jake Ferretti (no. 37), tailback, ran for 38 yards and a score on a sweep play.

Also, quarterback Niko Omera (no. 2) scored two 60-yard touchdowns. Both runs were up the middle.

The Warrior defense played outstanding and they only allowed West Springfield eight points in the game.

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Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

Young Brownies Tie Minnechaug & Defeat Westfield

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

A scoreless deadlock vs. Minnechaug Regional and a much-closer-than-necessary 3-2 verdict over Westfield High has propelled the Agawam High junior varsity girls' soccer team to a solid 12-3-1 record with only one game remaining on the 1999 fall schedule.

The goose eggs on the scoreboard at Minnechaug's stadium field on a chilly Monday evening was the 12th shutout posted by the JV's this season. Without a doubt, this second meeting vs. the Falcons was the season's most physical as the bigger Falcons were allowed to push, shove, and at times, mug to offset the obvious team speed advantage held by the Brownies.

Last month over at Agawam High, the Brownies ran herd on the Falcons in a 2-0 win that easily could have been extended to five or six to nil. Monday's game was a far cry from that September romp by the Brownie JV's.

Freshman goalie Vicky Taylor earned her good goaltending seal of approval by making smart decisions in both 30 minute sessions. Her two best saves were of the sliding variety, each in the second half. The Falcons had another huge opportunity on a 25-yard bullet that sailed over the crossbar and into the October night.

Taylor received support from freshman stopper Danielle Cirillo, freshman sweeper Kim Hoague, freshman fullback Tricia Fitchben, sophomore fullback Lauren Kida, and sophomore fullback Katelyn Tierney.

Still, Coach Lynda Kunasek's charges had more quality chances to score than the Falcons. The locals saw several crosses and shots bound through the goalmouth either out-of-bounds or scooped up by the Falcons' goalie. Sophomore midfielder Angelina Cortese blasted one high over the crossbar midway thru the second half that clearly had the goalie beat.

Agawam's best chance to put one on the board came with under six minutes left. Freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella fired a cross into the goalmouth where sophomore midfielder Jessica Newalu was there to deflect the ball to finish the bang-bang play. But the Falcons' keeper was at the right place at the right time to make a sliding save.

The game ended with the Falcons buzzing the AHS goal and the ball was dangerously close to



THE MEMBERS OF THE 1999 junior varsity girls' soccer team at Agawam High: back row — Coach Lynda Kunasek, Lauren Kida, Keegan Clark, Lucy Young, Kelly Cassidy, Jess Newalu, Becky Crum, Tricia Fitchben, and Meghan Brown; middle row — Angelina Cortese, Kim Hogan, Erin Gloster, Jill Lawson, Jenna Shea, Kate Tierney, Kaitlin Sardella, and Danielle Cirillo; front row — Biz Perry and Vicky Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Taylor's right post when the horn sounded.

In Agawam's 3-2 win over Westfield last Friday at Harmon Smith Field, the JV's led by 2-0 at the half. The Bombers slept through a dominant first half by the Brownies only to return the favor in the second half.

Striker Kaitlin Sardella opened the scoring with her 12th goal of the season after striker Jill Lawson rattled a left-footer off the crossbar that neatly bounced out front for an easy put-in.

The lead increased to 2-0 on another one of those signature headball goals scored by mid-

fielder Jessica Newalu (sixth goal of the fall). This time it came off a superb cross from sophomore midfielder Kelly Cassidy from the right corner.

The second half saw a revived and ready Westfield side sandwich two goals between midfielder Angelina Cortese's strong rush up the middle that resulted in a beautiful shot that found the net.

Vicky Taylor and sophomore Biz Perry shared the netminding chores. Stopper Danielle Cirillo enjoyed yet another fine game and fullback Tricia Fitchben continued her steady play as well.

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'Independent' Annihilators Are Bound For Playoffs

The Agawam Annihilators played a make-up game against Holy Name. Between the mud and darkness, Agawam kept their toes above water to make it an interesting game.

Jordan Buiso came out strong with a nice chip goal to give Agawam a 1-0 lead. Holy Name came back with two strong goals in the second half, but Agawam wouldn't give up. A nice indirect kick from Chris Nyman tied up the game.

Ryan McGuire played well in his offense position. Sean Deglis and Seamus Moran were outstanding on halfback positions. Kevin Malloch did his job, as usual, to score the third goal of the game. Defense by Ryan Evans held the game to a 3-2 win.

Saturday against Ludlow was a great game. Coming out strong was Jordan Buiso with a high-kick goal above the goalie head to give Agawam a 1-0 lead. Andrew King, playing fullback position, came out strong with a hard-earned goal. Defense was outstanding.

Ryan Harlow had some nice passes to help keep Agawam in Ludlow's zone. A trip from Ludlow to Agawam gave Nicky Alvanos a hard penalty shot to help Agawam keep the lead. Only to come back, Ludlow had a penalty shot, but goalie Mat Footit stopped the shot to keep the shut-out.

Tommy Mercadante, on halfback, was in the right place at the right time to give Derek Pelley a nice 18-yard goal to end the game in a 4-0 win.

Sunday against Holy Name was Agawam's last game. A much-needed win here is what Agawam's teamwork is all about. Playing with no subs and in cold, wet weather, Agawam did not give up. Their teamwork was all about unselfishness.

Passing and talking were the whole part of this game. Jordan Buiso once again came out strong to score the first goal of the game. Seamus Moran and Andrew King had their work cut out for them, but their offense/defense together kept Agawam going. Kevin Malloch came out to score his 13th goal of the season.

Holy Name came back to tie the game. With five minutes left in the game, Derek Pelley made a strong throw-in to Andrew King, who had a nice assist to Kevin Malloch, to win the game 3-2. Ryan Evans proved he is one of the better fullbacks in the league, as his aggressiveness through the year helped Agawam make the playoffs.

Sean Deglis and Kevin Bienia were terrific on offense and defense. A special thanks goes to goalie Mat Footit, who made the extra effort all season (with only 15 goals against the Annihilators).

Agawam Coaches Bill Footit and Donna Harlow would like to thank all the parents and kids for this great season. It took us a while to get here together, but it was all worth it, and the Annihilators will move up into another division in the spring.

Good luck in the playoffs!

(Registration for the spring season is on its way for the independent Annihilators. Sign-ups will be held until November 17th. If interested, please contact Donna Harlow, 789-3694, or Bill Footit, 789-2909.)

Agawam Blizzard Ties Ludlow & Defeats Palmer

The Agawam Blizzard, Pioneer Valley U-11 girls' soccer, stretched their unbeaten streak to 10 games this past weekend with a tie on Saturday against Ludlow and an exciting, down-to-the-wire victory over host Palmer, 1-0, on Sunday.

The Blizzard took the lead in the first half against the Ludlow Wizards on a kick from Michelle Santos, set up nicely by Molly Nowill. Carley Keeley and Lisa Truschelli shared goaltending duties allowing just one goal.

Samantha Lisse shared the sweeper position with Sara Long, while Justine Kedzior, Alyson Brewster, and Jocelyn Mason held down the fullback positions, which has allowed only 1.5 goals per game over the 10-game unbeaten streak.

Amy Delude got the award for making the biggest splash on a rain-soaked field that resembled something more suited for mud-bogging than ladies' soccer. Sara Wood wasn't given credit for a goal as the ball rolled back over the goal line into a puddle in front of the Ludlow net before the referee could make a judgement.

The Sunday game in Palmer was a finger-biter (the nails are all gone). Lindsey Pfau provided all the necessary offense scoring an unassisted goal on a breakaway for the only score of the game. The Palmer Strikers didn't get any shots on goal in the first half, but Lisa Truschelli was tested and came up big in the second half to preserve the win.

Midfielders Lauren Maloney and Jennie Deglis scrambled on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field looking for the security of a second goal, while helping out on defense to ensure the shutout. Kelsey Wood, playing at center forward, was frustrated most of the day as was the rest of the Blizzard offense, against a stubborn group of Palmer defenders.

Next opponent is Holy Cross this weekend, then on to the playoffs. The Blizzard will be wearing the traditional Halloween orange and black this weekend. Happy Halloween.

Agawam "Twisters" End Season With Win Over West Springfield

The girls' Under-11 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League concluded their regular season October 21st with a 3-2 victory against West Springfield at the Smith & Wesson fields.

Stephanie Obue scored the first goal, assisted by Christina Bertrand.

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Grouse have been a little scarce in the areas I normally hunt, but there are woodcock in the alder wetlands.

Wildlife Management Areas are receiving continued pheasant stockings, and mid-week can be a lot of uncrowded fun.

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FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

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Bass fishermen report that slow presentations are the key to large-mouth success, with jig and pig combos producing in deep water.

Connecticut River fishermen are starting to take some nice perch at the mouths of tributaries, with some slab-sized crappies mixed in. Pin-head shiners on small marabou jigs have been scoring well.

SALT WATER

Reports from Point Judith to the Western Sound indicate that some large stripers are hitting off the reefs. Surf casters are scoring well around Quonny, Charleston, and Weekabogue Breachways, as well as the beach areas by the pink house and Watch Hill.

Three-way rigged eels drifted over the reefs at night had a big payoff on a recent night foray off the Watch Hill reefs.

Slammer blues in the 15- to 18-pound class are murdering schools of bait fish in the more popular spots. Single-hook lures should be used to facilitate unhooking and release. Some in-shore cod action should start to pick up as the water cools, and the best is yet to come!

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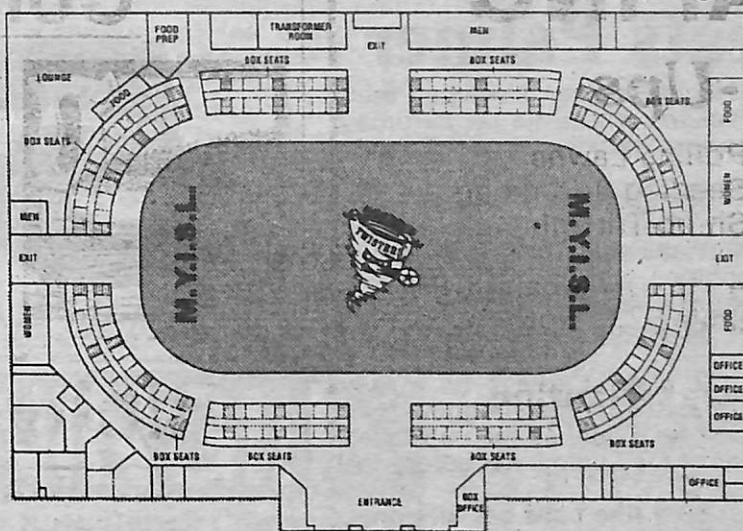
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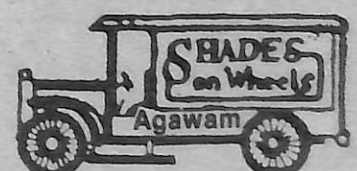
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Open House Schedule for Saturday, October 30th:

Last Day for Special \$50 Enrollment Offer is Oct 30th!

7am - 6pm.....	FREE use of the club all day!
9am - Noon.....	FREE Nursery service while you workout!
11am - 2pm.....	FREE Healthy Snack Buffet!
8 - 9am.....	FREE STEP Challenge class!
8 - 9am.....	*FREE Spinning Class!
8:30 - 9:30am.....	FREE Aquatics Class
9am - 2pm.....	*FREE Body Composition Analysis & *FREE Blood Pressure Checks!
9 - 11am.....	WPKX "Kix Country" - Live Remote!
9 - 9:30am.....	*FREE Beginner Spinning Class!
9:15am - 10:15am...	FREE Kick Boxing Class!
10:30am - 11:30am ...	FREE BodyPUMP (group weight training) Class!
10:30am - 11:30am ...	Nursery Costume Party!* (ages 6 & under)
11:30am - 12:00pm...	*FREE BodyPUMP for kids!
Noon - 2pm.....	*FREE Family Swim!

**Please call to sign up for these free programs.*



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